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Born in Newark, New Jersey, on May 23, 1952 . . . Moved to Brockton, Massachusetts, when he was 17 . . . Height: 5'9½" . . . Won the National AAU middleweight championship in 1973 . . . Managed by the Petronelli brothers, Pat and Goody . . . Southpaw . . . Nickname: "Marvelous Marvin" . . . Won his first major fight in August, 1974, when he decisioned then-unbeaten Ray Seales over 10 rounds . . . Three months later, drew with Seales over 10 rounds . . . Took a 33-0-1 record into a January, 1976 fight against Bobby Watts in Philadelphia . . . Watts won a hometown decision . . . Two months later, Hagler traveled to Philadelphia again, this time to fight Willie Monroe . . . Again Hagler lost a disputed 10-round decision . . . He has not lost since . . . In 28 subsequent fights, he has won 27 (24 by KO) and fought to one draw (vs. Vito Antuofermo) . . . Included in the 24 knockouts were two stoppages of Willie Monroe and a quick, dramatic knockout of Bobby Watts on national television . . . In a rubber-match against Ray Seales, shown nationally on home television in February 1979, "Marvelous Marvin" won by a first-round knockout . . . He knocked out three more opponents that year before facing world middleweight king Vito Antuofermo for the title . . . After 15 rounds, their fight was ruled a draw . . . Hagler stayed in title contention with three victories in 1980 . . . Then, after Alan Minter took Antuofermo's title by decision in March 1980, and retained it by stopping him on cuts three months later, Hagler received his second chance at winning a world championship . . . The crown became his on September 27, 1980, when he savaged Minter, halting him in the third round in London . . . Has since made three successful defenses . . . In January, 1981, he stopped previously-unbeaten Venezuelan Fulgencio Obelmejias; in June he halted Antuofermo in the fifth round; and in October he battered Mustafa Hamsho into an 11th round technical knockout . . . His fights last an average of 5.77 rounds . . . Overall record: 53-2-2, 42 knockouts.

	1973		
May	18—Terry Ryan, Brockton	KO	2
July	25—Sonny Williams, Boston	W	6
Aug.	8—Muhammad Smith, Boston	KO	2
Oct.	6—Don Wigfall, Brockton	W	8
Oct.	26—Cove Green, Brockton	KO	4
Nov.	18—Cocoa Kid, Brockton	KO	2
Dec.	7—Manny Freitas, Portland, Me.	KO	1
Dec.	18—James Redford, Boston	KO	4
	1974		
Feb.	5—Bob Harrington, Boston	KO	5
Apr.	5—Tracy Morrison, Boston	KO	8
May	4—Jim Redford, Brockton	KO	2
May	30—Curtis Phillips, Portland	KO	5
July	16—Robert Williams, Boston	KO	3
Aug.	13—Peachy Davis, New Bedford	KO	1
Aug.	30—Ray Seales, Boston	W	10
Oct.	29—Morris Jordan, New Bedford	KO	4
Nov.	16—George Green, Brockton	KO	1
Nov.	26—Ray Seales, Seattle	D	10
Dec.	20—D. C. Walker, Boston	KO	2
	1975		
Feb.	15—Don Wigfall, Brockton	KO	5
Mar.	31—Joey Blair, Boston	KO	2
Apr.	14—Jimmy Owens, Boston	W	10
May	24—Jimmy Owens, Brockton	W disq.	6
Aug.	7—Jesse Bender, Portland	KO	1
Sept.	30—Lamont Lovelady, Boston	KO	7
Dec.	20—Johnny Baldwin, Boston	W	10
	1976		
Jan.	13—Bobby Watts, Philadelphia	L	10
Feb.	7—Matt Donovan, Boston	KO	2
Mar.	9—Willie Monroe, Philadelphia	L	10
June	2—Bob Smith, Taunton	KO	5
Aug.	3—D. C. Walker, Providence	KO	6
Sept.	14—Eugene Hart, Philadelphia	KO	8
Dec.	21—George Davis, Boston	KO	6
	1977		
Feb.	15—Willie Monroe, Boston	KO	12
Mar.	16—Reginald Ford, Boston	KO	3
June	10—Roy Jones, Hartford	KO	3
Aug.	23—Willie Monroe, Philadelphia	KO	2
Sept.	24—Ray Phillips, Boston	KO	7
Oct.	15—Jim Henry, Providence	W	10
Nov.	26—Mike Colbert, Boston	KO	12
	1978		
Mar.	4—Kevin Finnegan, Boston	KO	9
Apr.	7—Doug Demmings, Los Angeles	KO	8
May	13—Kevin Finnegan, Boston	KO	7
Aug.	24—Bennie Briscoe, Philadelphia	W	10
Nov.	11—Willie Warren, Boston	KO	7
	1979		
Feb.	3—Ray Seales, Boston	KO	1
Mar.	12—Bob Patterson, Providence	KO	3
May	26—Jaime Thomas, Portland, Me.	KO	3
June	30—Norberto Cabrera, Monte Carlo	KO	8
Nov.	30—Vito Antuofermo, Las Vegas (For World Middleweight Title)	D	15
	1980		
Feb.	16—Loucif Hamani, Portland	KO	2
Apr.	19—Bobby Watts, Portland	KO	2
May	17—Marcos Geraldo, Las Vegas	W	10
Sept.	27—Alan Minter, London (Won World Middleweight Title)	KO	3
	1981		
Jan.	17—Fulgencio Obelmejias, Boston (Retained World Middleweight Title)	KO	8
June	13—Vito Antuofermo, Boston (Retained World Middleweight Title)	KO	5
Oct.	3—Mustafa Hamsho, Chicago (Retained World Middleweight Title)	KO	11

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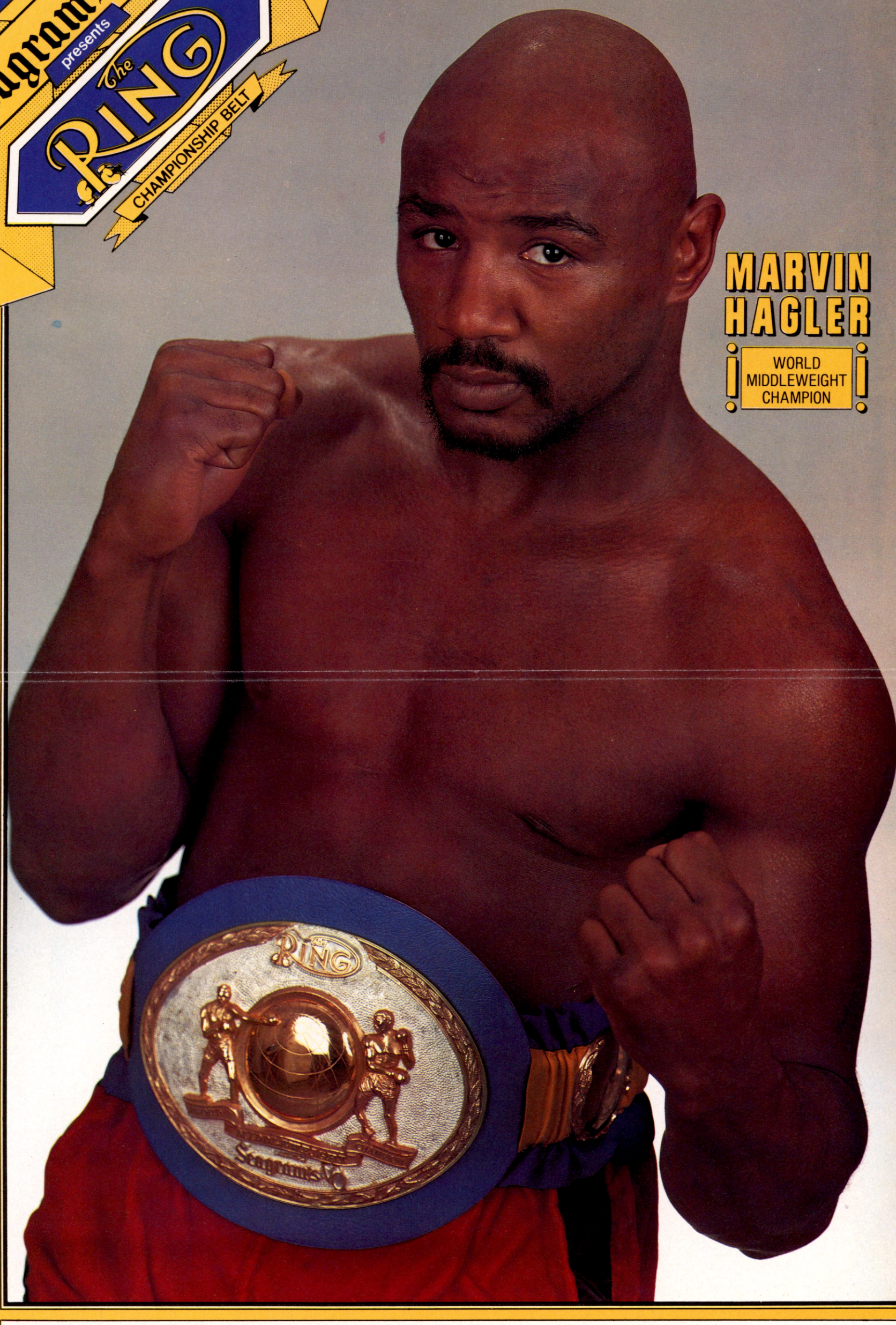

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DECEMBER

DEC. 5: First Louis-Walcott fight, 1947. **DEC. 13:** Archie Moore born, either 1913 or 1916 depending upon source. **DEC. 20:** Sugar Ray Robinson wins vacant World Welterweight Title, defeating Tommy Bell in 15 rounds, 1946. **DEC. 26:** Jack Johnson wins Heavyweight Title, beating Tommy Burns in 14 rounds, 1908. **DEC. 31:** LaMotta knocked down only time in career vs. Danny Nardico, 1952.

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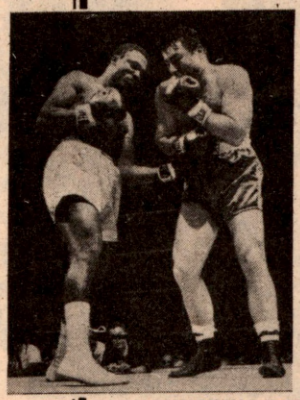

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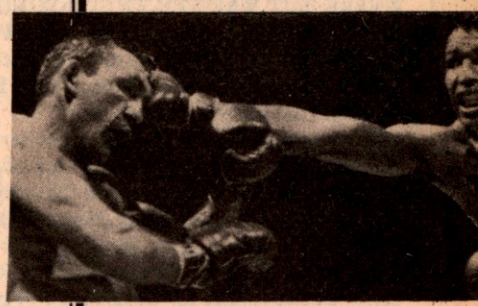

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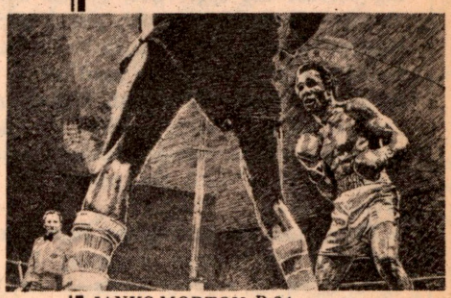

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RINGSIDE

WHERE IS IT WRITTEN THAT BOXING IS the sport most likely to be dumped on? Why, in the editorial columns of the world's newspapers more frequently than Dolly Parton sleeps on her back, that's where.

Since time immemorial boxing has served as sports' scapegoat. The very edition of the New York *Journal,* which carried the story of the tepid Jess Willard-Frank Moran heavyweight to-do back in 1916 also carried a front page editorial by Publisher William Randolph Hearst calling for the aboliton of boxing because the sport was, in his words, "brutal." Forget that the only punch of consequence during the 10-round No Decision bout had been a whopping good left to the head by Willard in the seventh, Hearst's motion carried and boxing suffered the slings and arrows of the outraged editorial writer, being outlawed until the passage of the Walker Law.

Throughout the intervening years boxing has been the favorite whipping boy of editorial writers, many of whom—if they had it to do all over—would do it all over boxing.

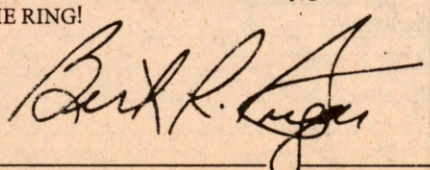
Forget that a new study by Dr. Peter Wilk shows that boxing is "ranked 7th in terms of injuries incurred." Forget that a "safe" sport such as auto racing—which Red Smith once asked, of nobody in particular, "THIS is a sport?"—has had 125 deaths since 1955; few report it. Forget that everytime someone fails to pay attention to signs, like the one outside a Michigan hunting lodge which reads "If you chance to shoot a cow near the lodge, be sure you don't shoot the fellow milking it," and 31 hunters a year die in one year in a state like Michigan, nobody takes editorial note of it. And forget that football over an eight-year period has had 92 deaths, 550 broken necks and 130 cases of permanent brain damage and it becomes non-news. Those mental cul-de-sacs called writers pay no attention to such statistics. They have singled out boxing as the fall guy and fully intend to beat up on it as a subject regardless of the facts, which only confuse them.

Sure, boxing has injuries. And deaths. But this year those deaths have totaled just four.

Do these same newspapers who make sport belittling boxing report the other side of the coin? Hardly. For, not only do few of them—even in the major cities—report the results of fights below the level of heavyweight championship bouts, but they also, almost without exception, refuse to print anything which could even remotely be called beneficial to the sport.

For instance, there was scant mention of a recent Lou Harris poll which showed boxing to be "definitely on the upswing" in popularity, with 34 percent of all sports fans in the United States following it, making it the fifth most popular sport in America behind football, baseball, basketball and tennis. Its followers were "strongest among city dwellers, young people between 18 and 29, among men, skilled labor and union members and yet also appealing to those in the $25,000 to $35,000 income bracket." While these demographic characteristics might appeal to Madison Avenue, they obviously do not to newspaper editors who are still pushing their fashionable twaddle about deaths, injuries, infestations of locusts, mob connections and all those wonderful things which went out along with Carmen Miranda's platform hats.

Boxing deserves better. And if it gets it from no one else, it will assuredly get it from THE RING!



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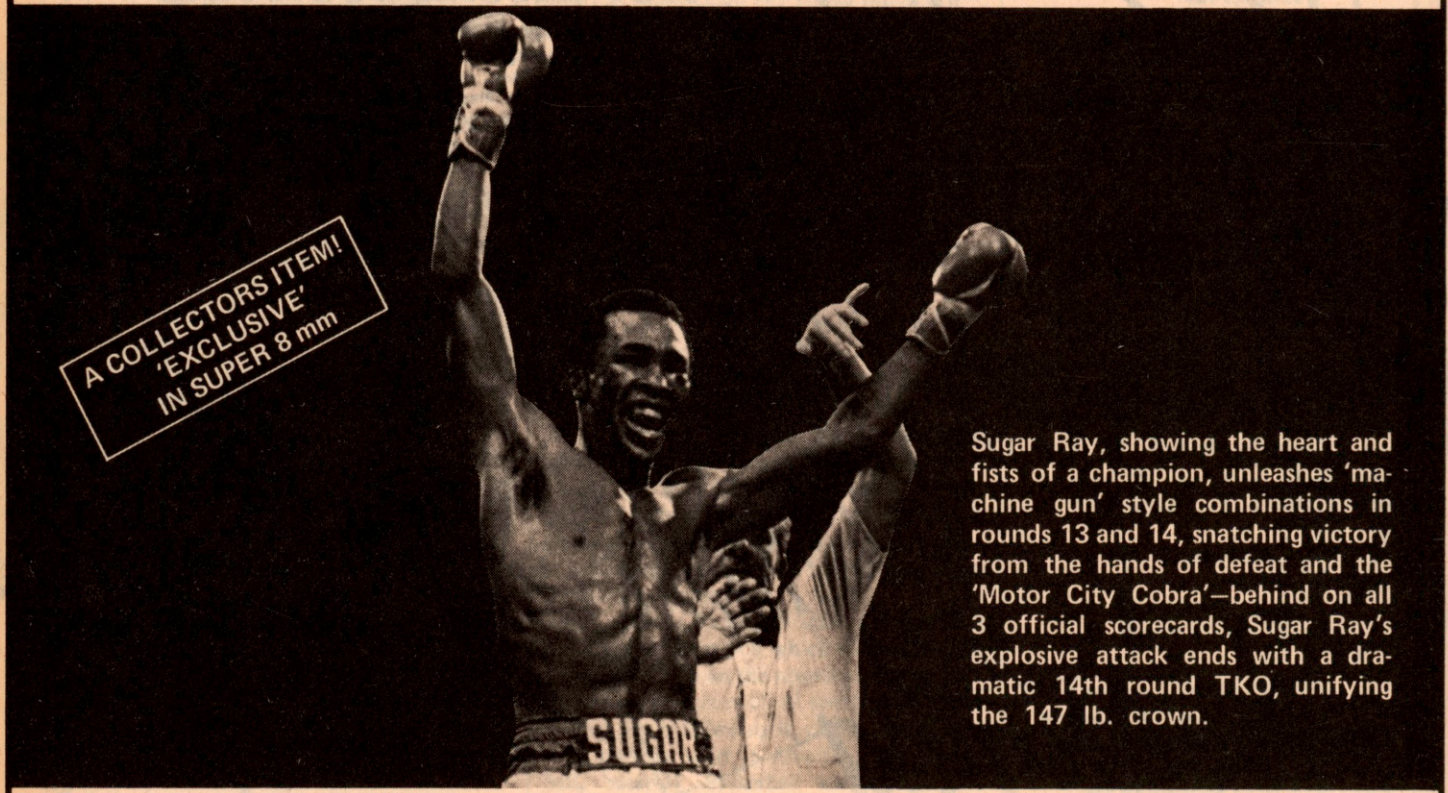

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ROUND ONE

BOXING MAKES STRANGE BEDFELLOWS DEPT.

THE LONG-ESTABLISHED ST. Patrick's Day boxing show in Boston this year wasn't, collapsing around a promoter's ears, in a strange story of how one manager can soil the till.

The scenario goes like this: Promoter Ace Jaresky, a veteran promoter who had staged bouts in Fall River Mass., Nashua, N.H., Boston and all places North, East and South of the Hub City, planned to put together a card in the 1,400-seat Cyclodrome last March 17th. His card included fighters from the stables of both managers Jimmy Connelly and the Petronellis, who have guided Marven Hagler to the Middleweight championship. However, Connelly told the promoter that if Petronnelli fighters appeared on the St. Patty's day card his wouldn't.

His ultimatum came too late for Jaresky to replace the Connelly clan and regretfully he had to cancel the show, although he couldn't pull the advertising, which had already been bought and paid for.

There were, as Boston writer George Kimball pointed out, several ironies to Connelly's one-eyed stance. First of all, Jaresky and Connelly were long-term associates. Secondly, one of Connelly's brothers was a partner of Jaresky in the promotion. Thirdly, several of Connelly's fighters had shared the same card and same dressing room with Petronelli fighters just the previous month. And, most interesting of all, Connelly was later to put his fighters on a rival promoter's show with Petronelli fighters at Worcester.

And, irony of irony, what did Connelly say to ruining the chances of promoter Jaresky to recoup some of the monies he had invested in giving some of Connelly's fighters chances on some of his losing shows? "I care about promoters...I know how hard it is!"

THE HIGH PRICE OF SUGAR

EVERYONE SAID IT WAS A SHAME. Legends are not made to sit in $50 seats as was Sugar Ray Robinson at the recent Leonard-Hearns fight.

But the shame of it was not that Robinson was seated in the boondocks, but that he had caused the seeming slight himself.

Sugar Ray Robinson was always two things: a seamless fighter inside the ring, and a peerless negotiator outside. His legend rested on both. But while Robinson's physical abilities have long since faded, his fiscal abilities have

remained. Robinson, who has always viewed money as a token of his perspiration, still approaches every potential deal as a battle to the death. And to the penny.

The Vegas incident came when Ray, flown in and given one $500 ticket, demanded $5000, and three more $500 tickets. The promoters, with more on their collective minds—including another Sugar Ray—said "Come on," thinking Robinson would back down. But Ray stood his ground, as he has so often before, and the promoters threw up their hands, and a $50 ticket as well. And that's how Sugar Ray wound up in the $50 section—$5000 and one $500 ticket poorer.

OH, SEOULAH-ME-O.

WHEN THE WBA INEXPLICABLY chose not to elect Jose Sulaiman as their president in 1962 he, in turn, elected to take his ball and play elsewhere, setting up the rival WBC with himself as president in 1963.

Therefore, when he "resigned" as president at the recent WBC convention in Seoul, Korea, none of the delegates took his posturing seriously. And, when after 10 minutes, he came back to "claim" his title as El Presidente, nobody seemed to take notice. Nor give a damn.

In return for their putting up with his petty pouting, Sulaiman rewarded the host country by having his so-called Ratings Committee name a South Korean, Chung-Il Choi, as the Number One-rated Junior Lightweight ahead of former champion Rafael "Bazooka" Limon. Now that's gratitude!

A REMARQUE-ABLE FOUL-UP

THE LEONARD-HEARNS WAS SEEN by millions around the world. But to some it was obscene. Like the woman who called KPIX, the VHF station in the San Francisco-Oakland area to complain that a "mux-ip" in the cable transmission had somehow, someway beamed the Welterweight Championship fight into her living room instead of her favorite movie, "All Quiet on the Western Front."

FOUL OF THE MONTH

SEEMS THE MAN WHO PRIDES HIMself on "Telling it like it is" can't quite tell what it is when it comes to boxing.

Ever since Howard Cosell emerged full-blown on the boxing landscape as the color announcer for the Patterson-Moore fight, he has not so much announced fights as put them under siege with a bombardment of

words and phrases. But more often than not he fails to describe what's happening in front of him—something a columnist once brought home when Cosell bragged "I know every winner of the first 100 (Kentucky) Derbies," and the columnist quipped, "Fine, but I still don't know the winner of this year's."

Cosell has become a national "I soar," using boxing and its personalities for his own personal gain—Ali, Patterson, Ellis, Leonard, Holmes, Cooney, etc. And yet, he continues to dump on boxing and those personalities he has used. Ask Floyd Patterson or Jimmy Ellis how they feel about Cosell. Or any of the others he has "befriended" for that matter.

Still, he continues to use his position to demean the very sport he pretends to befriend. Take, for instance, the several times he has mentioned that "(we are) mindful of the many deaths we've had recently in boxing," something he did three three times in the Leonard-Hearns taped delay. What "recently"? We defy Howard to name a *"recent"* boxing death without reverting back to historical data from old *Ring* Record Books. Johnny Owen is no longer "recent" as defined by Mr. Webster who holds the word to mean "occurring at a time immediately prior to the present." But don't tell Howie.

He still thinks Willie Classen is "recent." If he knew his boxing he'd know that there have been only four in-the-ring fatalities this year, the last one a four-round preliminary fighter from Japan known as Sumito Urayama some four months ago. Is this what he means by "recent"?

Perhaps if he paid more attention to the facts he'd know that the correct grammatical phrasing of the slogan he uses to describe his type of sports reporting is "Tell it *as* it is."

BARTENDER'S TRIVIA CORNER

WHAT MAN REFEREED A HEAVYweight championship bout eight years prior to competing in one himself?

Last month's trivia question: What heavyweight champion, while champion, played the lead role in a television drama written by Ernest Hemingway?

Answer: Ingemar Johansson played the lead in "The Killers" an Ernest Hemingway story presented on CBS' Playhouse 90.

ONE LAPP TO GO AND ALL HE COULD DO WAS FINNISH

THE FACE WAS FAMILIAR EVEN IF THE figure wasn't. It was former heavyweight champ Ingemar Johansson, some 22 years and 50 pounds later running in the New York Marathon and looking as if he'd be a sitdown table for six if he bent over. But in the 26-mile course, even carrying all that extra avoirdepois, Ingo still finished in four hours and thirty minutes, proving that once a champion always a champion. Or some other equally weighty moral to the story.

THE CANVAS CURTAIN

THE MOTTO OF THE NEW YORK *Times* is "All the News that's fit to Print." Other newspapers, when it comes to boxing news, might just as well admit that it either doesn't fit their page or their plans.

When Wilfred Benitez knocked out Maurice Hope to win the WBC version of the Junior Middleweight championship last May 23rd, the largest paper in the South, the Atlanta *Journal and Constitution,* could not find it in their heart—nor in their editorial layout—to give one line of copy to the fight, devoting reams of copy to something called drag races instead—it always being our contention that if horse racing was the sport of kings, then drag racing was the sport of queens.

But perhaps the greatest disservice done to boxing was the silent treatment given the Hamsho-Hagler, Weaver-Tillis doubleheader in Chicago. Not only did the Chicago *Sun-Times* take their full-time boxing writer off the story in crucial days leading up to the fight, but other papers—most notably the Cleveland *Plain Dealer* and the Columbus *Dispatch*—did not cover the fight, refusing to run even one line of agate the next day.

Maybe that's why newspapers have been called "Nobody's business in print." Especially the business of boxing.

DOWN FOR THE QUOTE

ON THE HEELS OF THE SUCCESSful life story of Jake LaMotta, plans are in the works for more docudramas on the lives of Ray Robinson and Joe Louis. The Louis story will be a two hour NBC movie entitled "God Is On Our Side: The Joe Louis Story."

Maybe a sharper ear would use Joe's exact quote—"We're going to win because we're on God's side."

PUNCHLINES

WRITER MIKE MARLEY, DESCRIBing Matthew Saad Muhammad's deering-do style of fighting: "he should do a Timex commercial—Saad always takes a licking and keeps on ticking."

Former WBA Lightweight Champion-turned-announcer Sean O'Grady describing Boom Boom Mancini's ability to take a punch—and a special commendation from the "Sons of Italy" as well: "as Italians go, he takes a pretty good punch."

Ken Weston, secretary-treasurer of the Canadian Boxing Federation and member of the WBA Ratings Committee for three years, when asked by Tom Alderman of the Canadian Broadcasting Corp. what he did as a member of the Ratings Committee: "I don't know, no one has ever asked me to do anything for the ratings committee . . . I've never been asked my opinion on the ratings."

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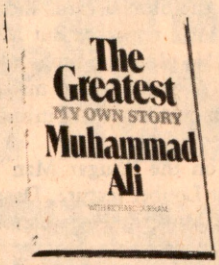

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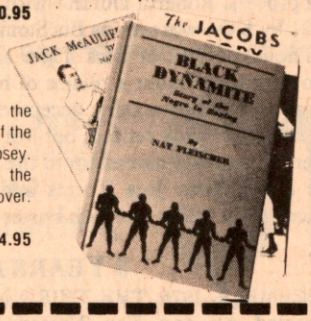

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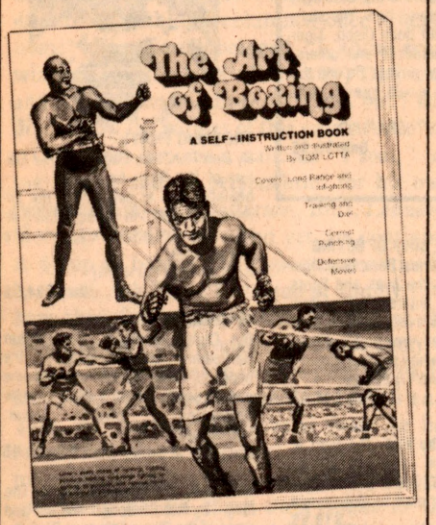

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20 YEARS AGO

DECEMBER, 1961: A CONTROVERSIAL, SPLIT DECISION resulted in Benny (Kid) Paret, a 4-1 underdog, regaining the world welterweight crown from Emile Griffith. According to Nat Fleischer, poor refereeing complicated an already confused situation: "Both Griffith and Paret were guilty of repeated violations . . . but they got away with the fouls."

The fight was even closer than the official cards indicated and Griffith's supporters howled for a rematch. But Manuel Alfaro, Paret's manager refused: "No place, no time, no how, will Paret fight Griffith again." (A tragic return match *did* take place the next March and Paret died of the injuries he sustained in that bout.)

The assult of "Father Time" on the "Sugar Man" Ray Robinson was the subject of a Nat Loubet feature. Despite a recent win over 22-year-old Denny Moyer, the 41-year-old ex-champ was described as ". . . last year's model, a faded silhouette of the perfect fighting machine of bygone days."

The *Ring* Dectective, Dan Daniel, examined the famous Dec. 13, 1900 bout in which Terry McGovern KO'd Joe Gans in the second round. He decided that circumstancial evidence *was* strong enough to believe that although McGovern was not a party to the deception, Gans *had* "laid-down".

BACK IN THE RING

10 YEARS AGO

DECEMBER, 1971: THE END OF THE "BIG FIGHT" ERA IN New York was foretold by *Ring*'s Associate Editor, Dan Daniel, due to a combination of the settlement of an anti-trust case which resulted in the Garden's being prevented from signing fighters to long-term contracts and the "voracious, greedy, grabbing New York State Tax Department."

Ken Buchannan, lightweight champion of the world, was named *Ring*'s Fighter of the Month by virtue of his second victory over Panamanian Ismael Laguna. Ken's win was even sweeter because he came back to defeat Laguna who had punished the Scot for three rounds, but wore himself out in the process. Roberto Duran—with a record at that time of 25-0, 21 by KO—was seen as Buchannan's toughest competition.

The retirement of Dick Tiger after a ring career spanning two decades brought a review of his accomplishments. Tiger became the universally accepted middleweight champion when Paul Pender retired, but lost that title just a few months later. Tiger then moved up to the lightheavy division, taking the crown from Jose Torres and defending it successfully twice before losing it to Bob Foster by a fourth-round KO.

5 YEARS AGO

DECEMBER, 1976: THE THIRD MEETING BETWEEN MUhammad Ali and Ken Norton was described as a lackluster—but still controversial—affair. It was the first time since the Johansson-Patterson fight held in Yankee Stadium in 1959 that a heavyweight fight had been staged outdoors. Norton showed himself to be a fine tactician as well as the aggressor throughout most of the bout, but Ali came on in the 13th and 15th rounds to deny the challenger. It was a close fight, but by losing the last round so decisively, Norton, in effect, lost the bout.

Fighter of the Month honors went to Muhammad Ali for his win in the rubber match. Philadelphian Jimmy Young was the runner-up based on two KO victories, one over Lou Rogan in two, the other over Mike Boswell in the fourth.

In the equivalent of New Faces, tenth-ranked Saoul Mamby, a New York junior welterweight, was touted as a likely future champion.

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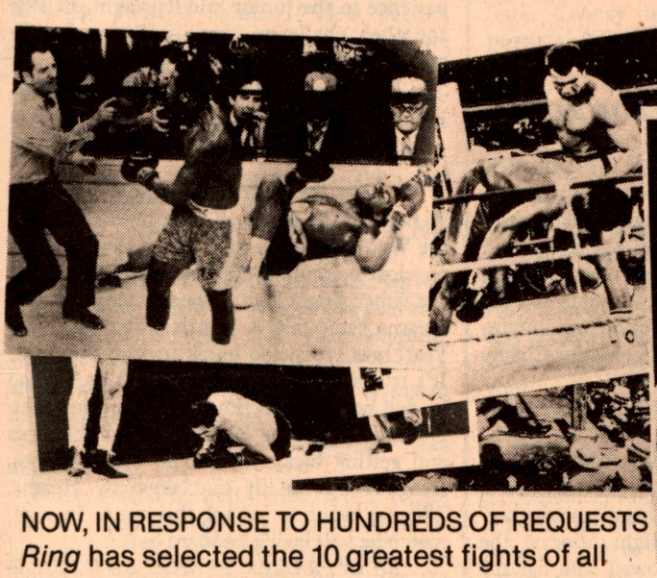

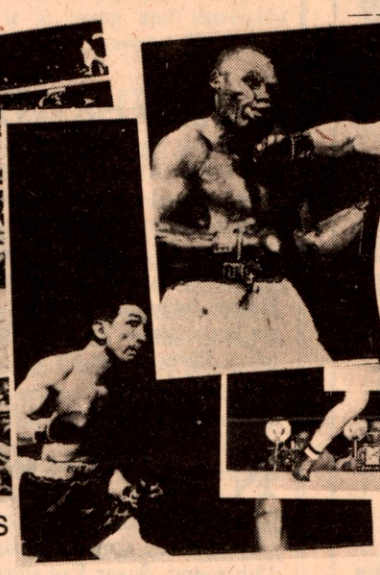

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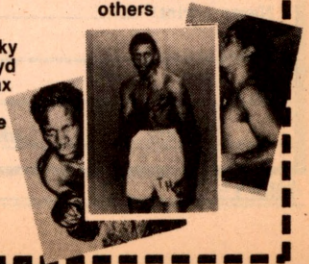

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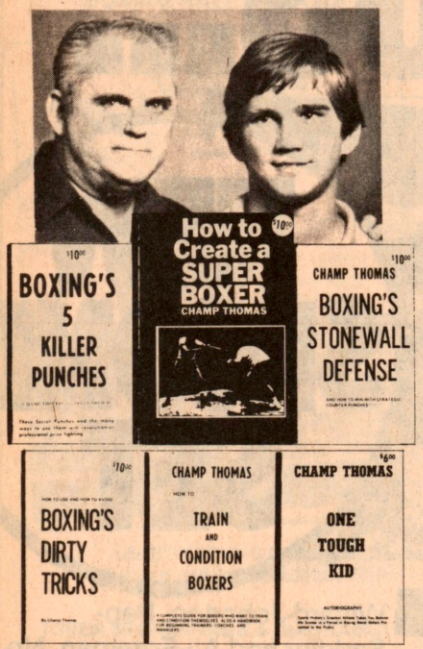

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THREE CHEERS FOR RAY

LET'S GIVE CHAMPION SUGAR RAY Leonard a break and rank him up there with the greats like Sugar Ray Robinson and a chosen other few. Coming off his savage, but seesawing KO of the unbeatable Thomas Hearns, he has proven that the money has not got in the way of his quest for boxing immortality. Three cheers for Welterweight Champ Sugar Ray Leonard!

JULLYAN NWOKEUKU, NIGERIAN IN MPLS

NOW THAT SUGAR RAY LEONARD HAS fought and defeated the invincible Thomas Hearns, what will his detractors say? However one scored the fight prior to the 13th round, Sugar Ray showed who has the champion's heart by battering Hearns off the ropes in the 13th and 14th, thus avoiding the possibility of a scandalous decision.

Of course, Hearns fought a good fight, and was a much better boxer than anyone had given him credit for. But, when the going got tough, Sugar Ray poured it on.

So please, let's not wait 10 years to accept and appreciate one of today's great boxers—as was the case with Ali. Everyone has their opinions and may have their reasons for disliking Sugar Ray, but one fact remains: He's done a lot to regenerate interest in boxing—and you can't knock him for that.

LYNN CHUCEY, SENECA FALLS, N.Y.

SUGAR RAY PROVED TO ME AND TO many other boxing fans that he is truly the undisputed welterweight "king". His 14th round TKO of Tommy Hearns was both devastating and convincing. I, like many others, have doubted Ray's ability to absorb the punishment unleashed by Tommy's rapier-like left jab and his sledge hammer right cross. Ray resolved these doubts. He displayed the skill, power, and heart of a masterful boxer. Pound for pound he is truly one of the greatest fighters of all time. But what's next for this boxer? I feel first and foremost he deserves a long vacation as he has accomplished quite a bit this past year—Kalule, Duran, and Hearns. After a few months of R and R he should move up in weight. There's really no competition left for him in the welterweight division. He should obtain more experience in the junior middleweight division and then challenge Marvin Hagler for the middleweight crown.

SAMUEL WINDER, BALTIMORE, MD.

ONE VOTE FOR HEARNS

I'M NOT REALLY A THOMAS HEARNS fan. But he just may have been robbed of the World Welterweight title. I saw the fight on closed-circuit and Hearns was outboxing the famed Sugar Ray. Leonard better be glad Hearns can't take a punch and that Davey Pearl was much too quick to stop the fight. It's true Hearns was hurt, but no more than he had been several times earlier in the fight. Other than pushing Hearns through the ropes and getting lucky with some wild punches, Leonard was totally outclassed by Hearns. Thomas went to school this time. In a rematch he will knock Leonard out.

BILLY FRAZIER, BENNETTSVILLE, S.C.

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CONSIDER THIS: THE TOP HEAVYweights of today on the average enjoy a whopping 41 pound advantage over fighters in the light-heavyweight ranks. And yet the average weight separation between all other divisions is just 5.9 pounds!

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JOHNNY DEEGAN, HOLLYWOOD, CA.

ED NOTE: When there are more than 10 announced Cruiserweights to go around—as witnessed by the WBC's inability to stage a Cruiserweight title fight in over a year—we will consider such a division as bona fide. Not before.

LETTUCE UNDERSTAND VEGETARIANS

NOTWITHSTANDING CARLTON ELIjah Tillery's opinion ("New Faces", June issue) that boxing and vegetarianism are incompatible, successful vegetarian boxers are by no means unheard of; and if their numbers are small, it is due only to the ceaseless misinformation regarding a vegetarian diet.

Flash Elorde was a vegetarian. And, Jim Corbett was also a vegetarian.

Howard Davis became a vegetarian in July 1979 (see the October, 1981 issue of *The Ring*), and except for his unimpressive performance against Jim Watt—which was probably due to faulty strategy more than anything else—he has continued to be quite formidable. Aaron Pryor is also a veggie, having in fact been converted by his friend Davis. That he will ever be accused of weakness seems most unlikely.

Tillery would do well to return to a veggie diet and stop scapegoating vegetarianism for his amateur loss to Chris McDonald. The fighters, amateur or pro, who never lose are rare indeed, and one wonders what his excuse will be when he does lose a pro fight. "All that goddam meat," perhaps, Only in that case he might be right.

ROBERT BECKER, BALTIMORE, MD.

COONEY'S CLASS WILL OUT OVER HOLMES'

I JUST SAW THE PRESS CONFERENCE on television announcing the upcoming Holmes-Cooney WBC Heavyweight Championship battle scheduled for March. I wanted to make a few comments about this. I am an avid boxing fan and have watched the rise of Larry Holmes for some years. It is my opinion that he will be the easiest champion of all time to forget. He has never impressed anyone, and now he's shown extremely poor taste by injecting racial overtones into the upcoming fight.

On the other hand, Gerry Cooney has conducted himself with a lot of class and self-respect by not losing control when confronted with Holmes' child-like ranting and raving. The incident after the Holmes-Spinks fight was totally ridiculous. And what an accomplishment when he beat Leon Spinks! Spinks fought a draw with Scott LeDoux and Eddie Lopez and was knocked out in less than one round by a mediocre Gerrie Coetzee.

Everyone is making a big deal about the quality of Cooney's past opponents. Let them look at Holmes' opponents. Most of them read like a list of sparring partners for John Tate. Cooney is a young and extremely powerful fighter. He will kayo loud-mouthed Larry.

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DURAN'S JUST DUCKY

BRAVO FOR RUNNING THE ARTICLE by the manager of Pipino Cuevas, Rafael Mendoza. How it had come about is strange, though; it is a known fact that Duran and Cuevas both were offered $500,000 to fight a few months ago, *but that Duran turned it down*. Then Roberto tried to save face by, in your recent interview, claiming it was Cuevas, not he, who ducked out of the match. It was a bold-faced lie, and he knew it—just like when he said he had stomach cramps. FAT chance, Roberto!

Pipino did the right thing—he *publicly* challenged Duran to fight for whatever reasonable purse, anywhere, anytime. An excellent way to find out what Roberto Duran is *really* made of.

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THE WBC: DOES IT STAND FOR "WE'LL BISECT CHAMPIONSHIPS"?

READING MR. JOSE C. CUEVAS' reflections in *The Ring*'s July edition about the ridiculous situation of having two world champions in every division, I would like to refer to a speech I made at the WBC Convention in Casablanca back in 1979 when I said, "What can the WBC do to clear up the unsatisfactory, almost ridiculous situation of having two world champions in almost every division? If the WBC could solve this problem, I am sure that professional boxing would get far better publicity and attract bigger interest from the public throughout the world."

I had the impression that the WBC hierarchy "theoretically" agreed with my opinions, but I don't think, practically speaking, that they were, or are, prepared to change the situation—a situation that is very undesirable from the boxing public's points of view.

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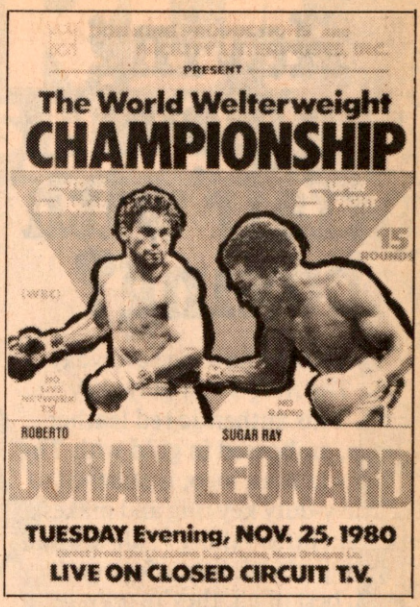

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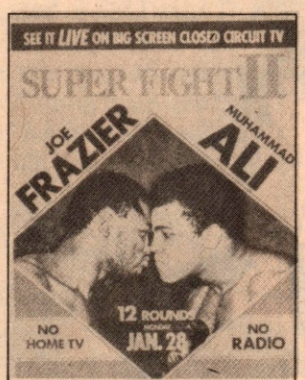

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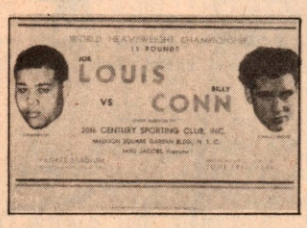

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QUESTIONS & A

Q I'm confused by the many "alphabet" governing bodies and regional titles in pro boxing. What exactly are FECARBOX and FESUBOX?

A *FECARBOX is the Central American and Caribbean Boxing Federation. FESUBOX is the South American Boxing Federation. The common abbreviations of "FECARBOX" and "FESUBOX" are taken from the names of these two regional federations in Spanish.*

Q Who was the first accepted world bantamweight champion under Queensberry rules?

—MATT GREENBAUM

A *Terry McGovern was the first "universally" recognized world bantamweight champion of the gloved era. Tommy Kelly, the "Harlem Spider," laid claim to the crown in 1887, but lost whatever "title" he had to Hughey Boyle on December 24 of that same year. Boyle retired the following year, and Kelly regained his "crown" by beating Chappie Moran on St. Patrick's Day in 1889. Moran took his title in a rematch on June 5, but Kelly took the championship back in a rubber match, held in New York on January 31, 1890.*

Kelly, though, drew scant attention from the press, and George Dixon was hailed as "World Champion" when he knocked out England's Nunc Wallace on June 27, 1890. Dixon abandoned his "title" when he laid claim to the world's featherweight diadem in 1891, and no world bantam champ received recognition in America until Jimmy Barry established his claim by stopping Casper Leon on September 15, 1894.

Kelly, in the meantime, had lost his crown to Billy Plimmer on May 9, 1892, and Plimmer, an Englishman, was recognized as champion in Great Britain. Billy lost his title to Thomas (Pedlar) Palmer on a foul in London on November 25, 1895.

Barry, America's "World Champ," retired in 1899, and Palmer was matched with McGovern for the vacant—and universally recognized—world crown. The bout took place on September12, 1899 in Tuckahoe, New York, and "Terrible Terry" kayoed the Pedlar in 1:15 of the first round.

SWERS

Q I have read that, in 1947, heavyweight champion Joe Louis received a "gift" decision over challenger Jersey Joe Walcott. This seems to be pretty much accepted as fact by the wisemen of boxing. Is it true or not that, 10 years earlier, in Louis' first title defense, challenger Tommy Farr, an overgrown middle, outboxed and outfoxed the champion and yet ended up the loser by a split decision? Reports from the New York press, friendly to Louis, indicated as much.

Recently, L.A. *Herald-Examiner* writer Alan Malamud claimed that Arturo Godoy was clearly robbed in his 15-round battle with Louis in 1940. And yet, this was the time when Louis was, supposedly, at his very best! How much truth is there in these reports?

—RICHARD SAVOY

A *Not much. Louis, in fact, won a* unanimous *decision over Farr—9-6, 8-5-2, and 13-1-1. Tommy fought a smart and gutsy fight, but Joe did most of the effective scoring, even with a badly bruised right hand. Godoy was a "spoiler" who fought from a crouch against the Bomber in their first fight, held in Madison Square Garden on February 9, 1940. The scoring was the weirdest in world title history: referee Arthur Donovan, 10-4-1, Louis; judge George LeCron, 10-4-1, Louis; judge Tommy Shortell, 10-2-3, Godoy! It was, in many respects, a difficult bout to score, but certainly not a "robbery."*

Q Could you please tell me if Sugar Ray Robinson ever fought Kid Gavilan. If so, what was the outcome of the fight?

—ALAN REID

A *They fought each other twice when Ray was welter champ. Their first bout, a 10-round non-title contest held at Yankee Stadium, saw Robinson, 150½, win a unanimous decision over Gavilan, 148½. Scoring: referee Eddie Joseph, 7-3; judge Artie Aidala, 6-4; judge Frank Forbes, 7-2-1. This was on the same card as the Ike Williams-Jesse Flores lightweight title bout, September 23, 1948.*

Robinson also won a unanimous decision when he defended his welterweight crown against the "Keed" in Philadelphia's Municipal Stadium on July 11, 1949. Scoring: referee Charley Daggert, 9-6; judge Frank Knarsborough, 12-3; judge Harry Lasky, 9-6. Robinson weighed 147, Gavilan, 144½.

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Some of those attending the weekly luncheon meetings of the Hollywood California Cauliflower Club are: Billy Barty movie-TV actor, Harry Ritz of the famous Ritz Brothers of stage and screen, Kirk Allyn the first movie Superman, Jack Palance, former boxer now actor and Television star Dick Cavett . . . Former welterweight champ, popular Irish Jimmy McLarnin, was recently elected executive Vice President of the Cauliflower Club . . . Frankie Garcia, featherweight of the 1917-1920 era who fought Johnny Dundee, Benny Bass and Sammy Mandell, writes a weekly column for the Gardena California Valley News entitled "Message from Garcia" . . . Aldo Spoldi, former European lightweight champ of the '30s who fought champs Sammy Angott and Henry Armstrong, is American representative and columnist for the Italo-American . . . Former boxer and *Ring* columnist Abe Hochheiser, who was known as the Brownsville Bomber—and fought the likes of Tony Pelone, Walter Cabey Lewis, Mike Konners, Benny Ionotti ad many others in the east where he was a favorite—now lives in Granada Hills, California. Abe is the Public Relations man for both the Cauliflower Alley Club and Golden State Veterans Boxers Association, and also a contributing reporter for the Bakery and Confectionary Workers Union Local #37 News . . .

IVBA Ring #105 Harrisburg, Pa. held their 7th Annual Banquet at the Holiday Inn in Harrisburg, Pa. last August 29th honoring Harry Jeffra, the former Bantam and

BEAT

Featherweight champion . . . Harry was more than just a beautiful boxer and a devastating puncher, he is also a fine golfer, a very good speaker, and a gentleman, both in or out of the ring . . . Vince Cala was toast master. Joe Poodles Sr. was speaker of the evening and other honorees who received presentations were: Sweetcakes Brownlee, Wayne Blair, John Boutselis, Tony Stern, Vince Boulware and Ken Corbitt . . . Special guest of the evening was Gene Goren of Baltimore Md. Gene, just turned 81 years of age, was recently cited by the Governor of Maryland for physical fitness . . . When in town, Miles Davis, the world renowned trumpet player, can usually be seen at the New Garden Gym, formerly Gleason's—working out under the supervision of Bobby McQuillan, one-time leading featherweight from Port Huron, Mich. Bobby, who holds a decision over Sandy Saddler, trained Johnny Bratton, Chico Vejar, Tony Anthony and many others . . . Milo Savage, who 25 years ago was a slick 160 lbs., still looks the same and trains youngsters in and around the Trenton area. The way this man moves with the gloves on makes one wonder how he would fare against today's competition . . . the officers of the International Verteran Boxers Association, Ring #7, Boston, Mass. for the year 1981 are as follows: President, Tony Shucco; 1st Vice President, Lou Broulliard; 2nd Vice President, Al Mello; 3rd Vice President, Paul Pender; 4th Vice President, Georgie Martin; Treasurer, Bob Shaughnessy; Executive Secretary, Andy Martin; and Sgts.-at-Arms, Joe Castro and Lou Vivolo . . . Chet O'Kelley, former boxer from Barberton, Ohio, was recently inducted into the Barberton Hall of Fame. Chet is also a candidate for appointment as Commissioner of boxing in the state of Ohio. "Good Luck, Chet" . . . The city of Buffalo paid a belated homage to one of their own—Jimmy Slattery. Former Light Heavyweight Champion Slattery was born August 25th, 1904 and died August 30th, 1960. In 1927, Slattery became the NBA Light Heavyweight Champion when he defeated Maxie Rosenbloom in ten rounds. He lost it to Tommy Loughran four months later in a fifteen-round bout in New York City. On August 25, 1981, a Memorial Mass was said by Father Franklin Kelliher who is a member of Ring #44 in Buffalo, N.Y. There were 40 cars and over 150 people in the chapel and at the graveside . Jim Harkins, President of Ring #44, who initiated the event, commented, "There were probably six at Slattery's funeral, but he certainly isn't forgotten by us" . . . ***CHARLIE SPINA***

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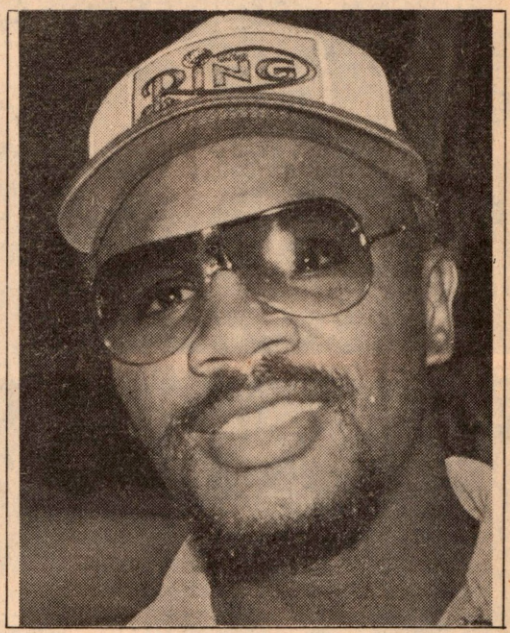

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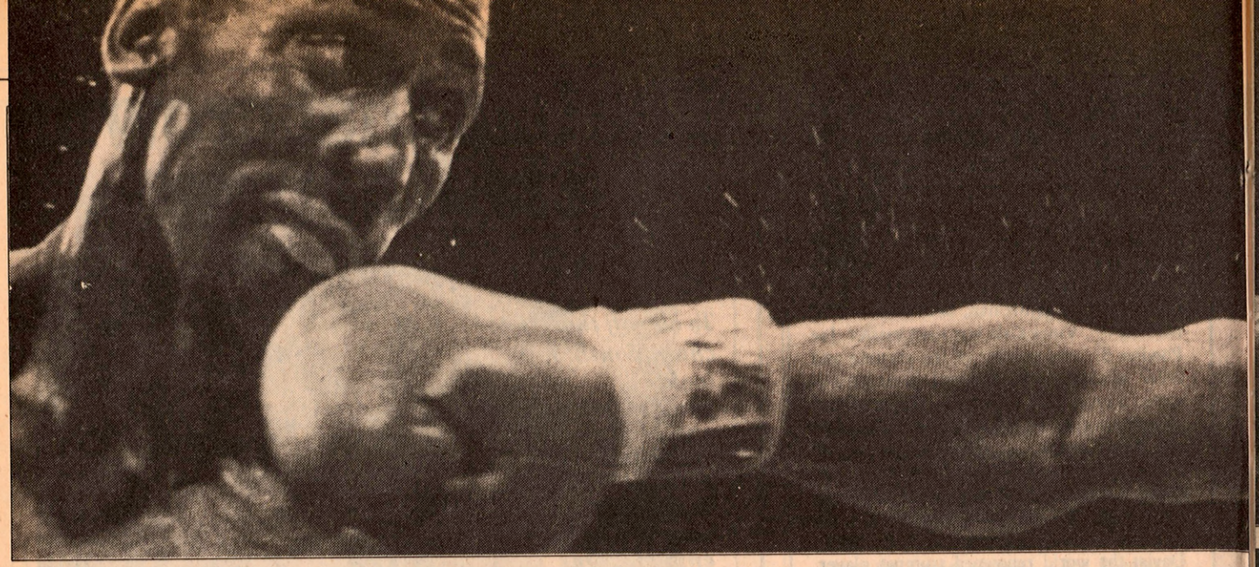

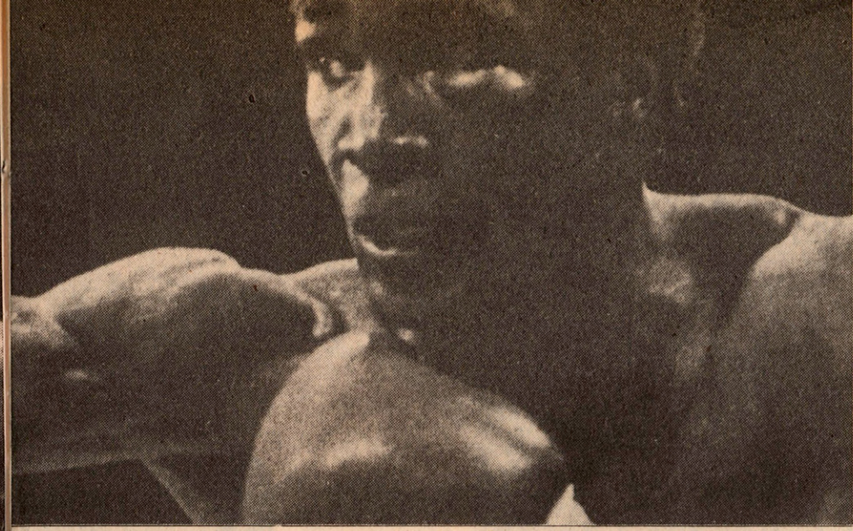

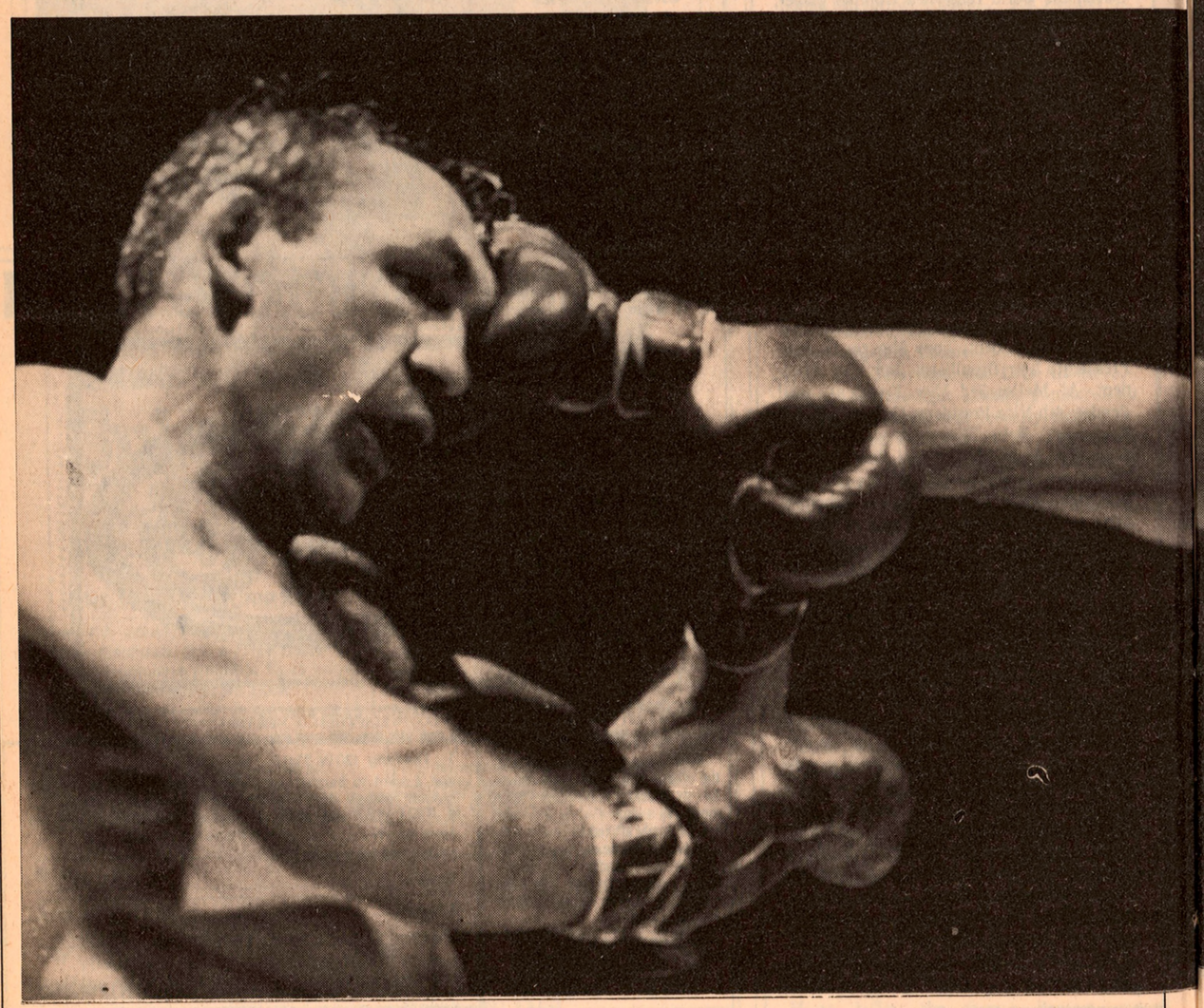

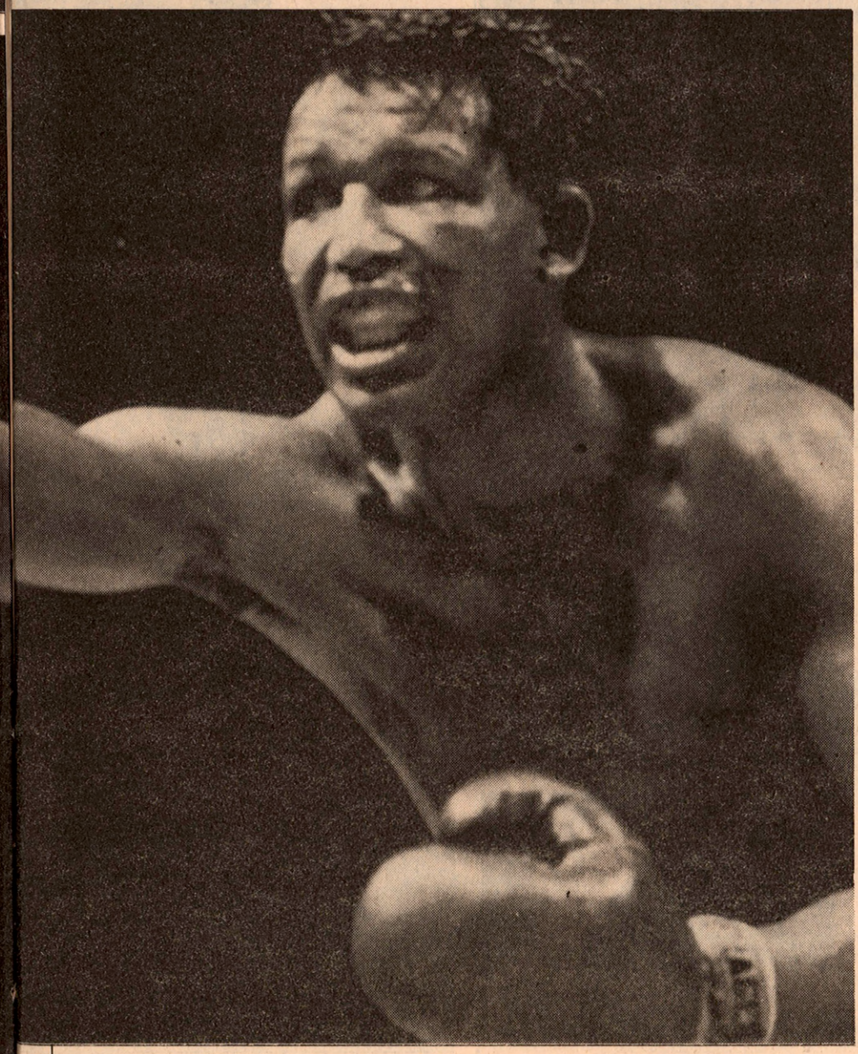

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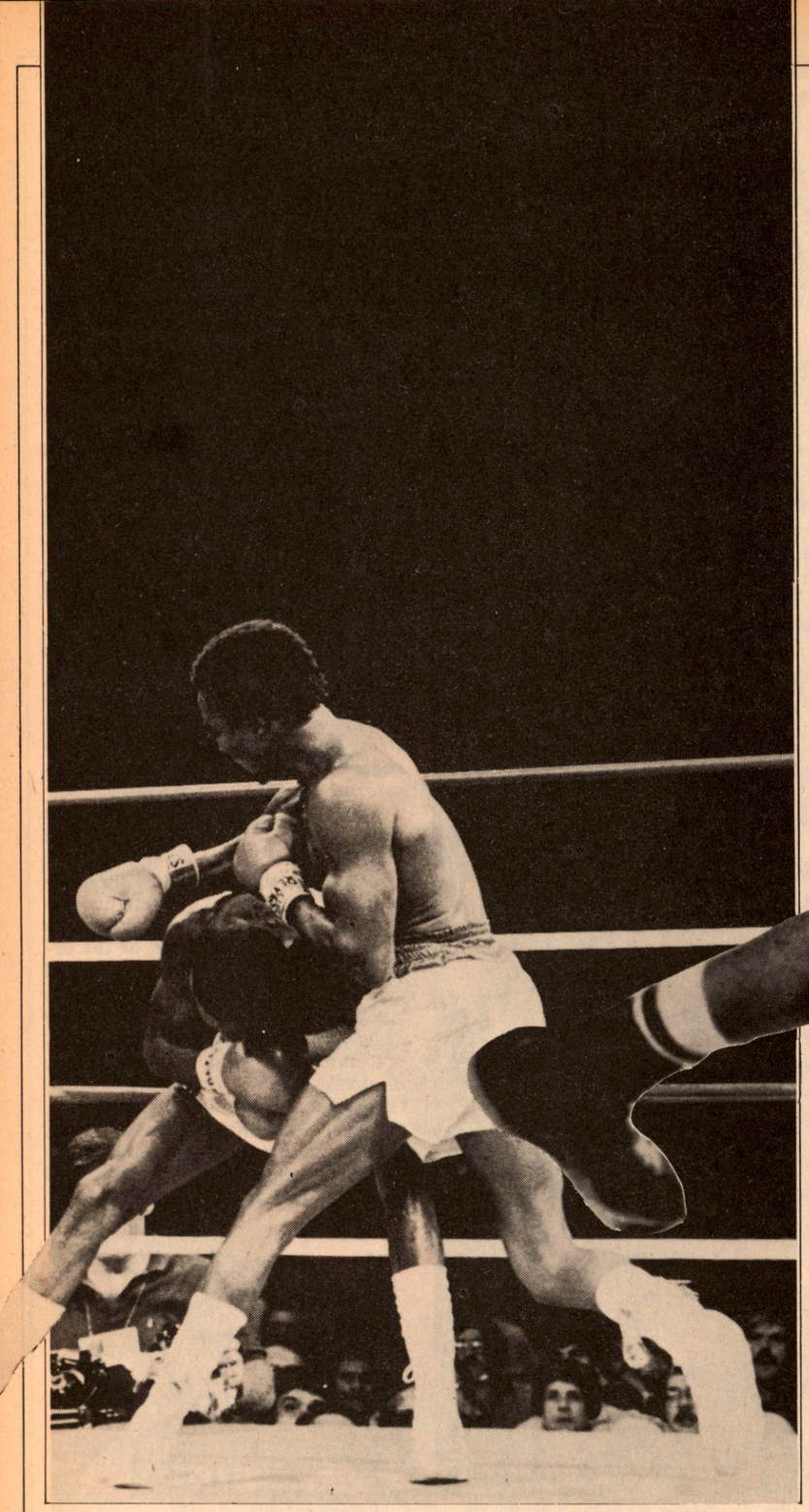
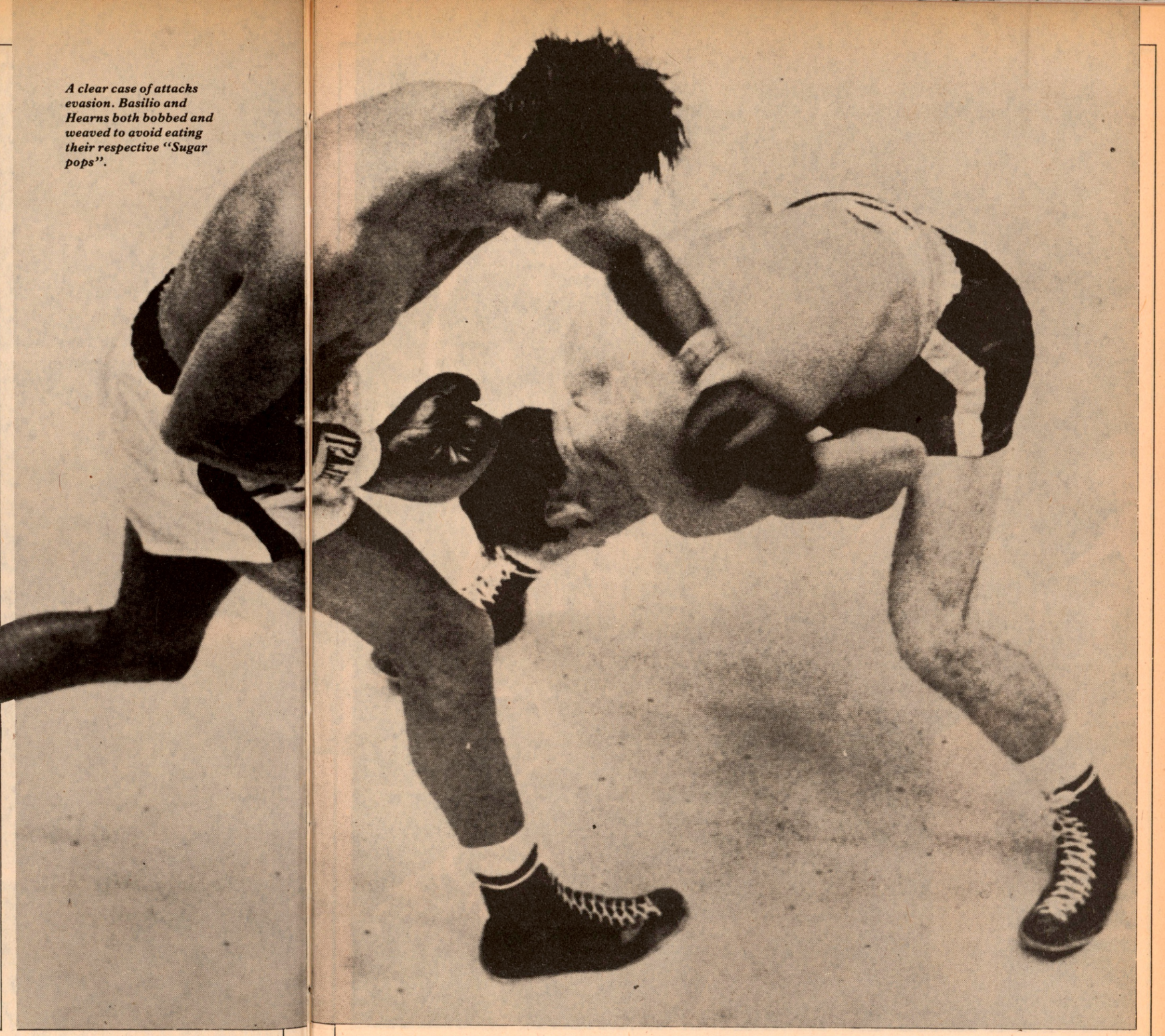
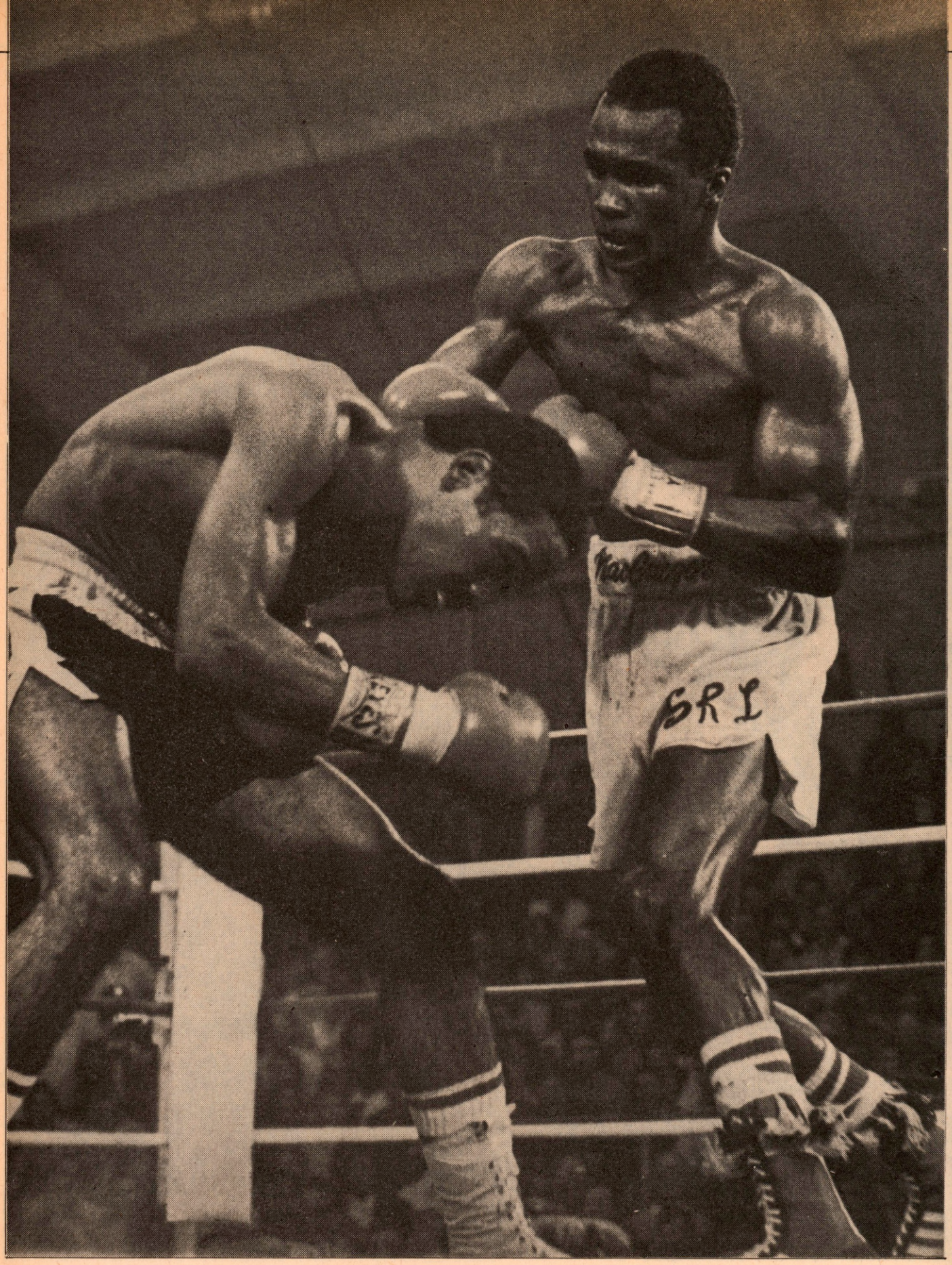
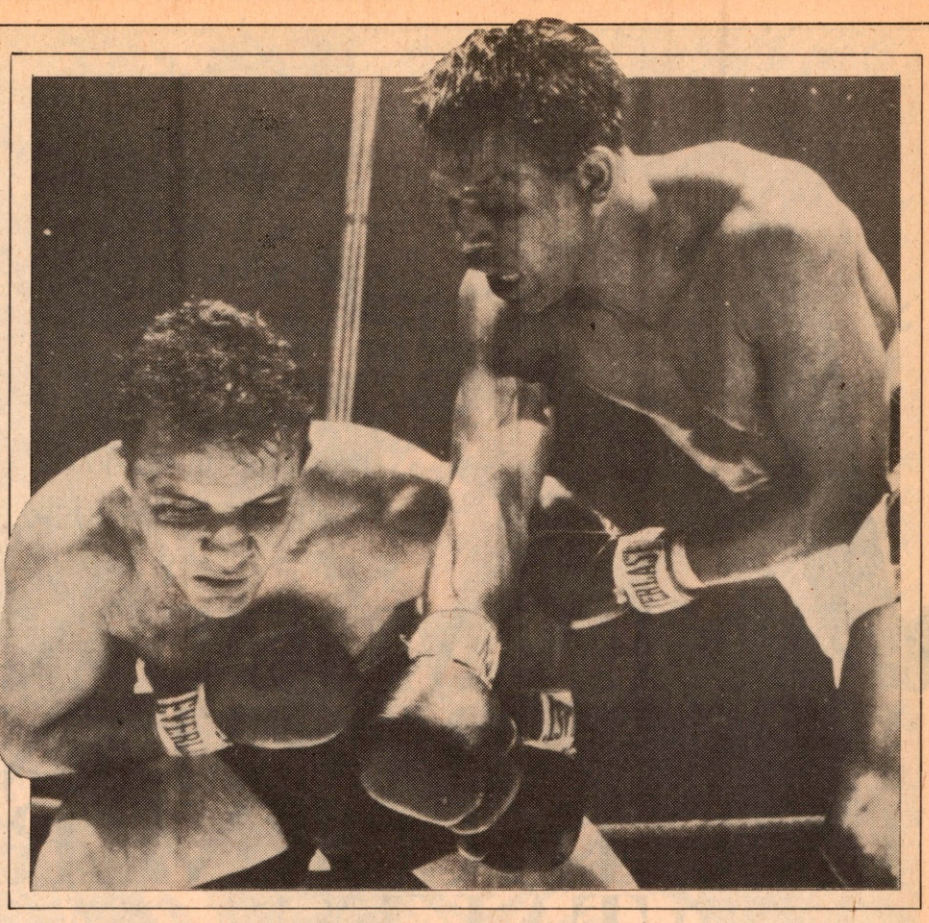


A clear case of attacks evasion. Basilio and Hearns both bobbed and weaved to avoid eating their respective "Sugar pops".







Opposite: Sugar Ray guns Wilfred Benitez and wins by TKO in 15. Right: Robinson's attack to Jake LaMotta's head forced a TKO in the 13th.

Sweet Victory. Above: Duran said "No Mas" in New Orleans. Right: LaMotta watches Robinson crowned King of the Middleweights in Chicago.

Boxing's holy trinity
normally consists of
the boxer,
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in fact, it gets downright
murky.

JANKS MORTON: LEONARD'S MAN IN THE CORNER TAKES CENTER STAGE

by mike katz

THE CONFUSION STARTS WITH A lawyer named Trainer who acts as manager. Angelo Dundee is the manager of record, but he is more trainer than manager.

The real unknown quantity is Janks Morton, who is listed in the Welterweight Champion's table of organization as "trainer," but who moves quietly in the background, dominating the shadows surrounding Leonard.

But if Dundee works the corner and plans the strategy and if Leonard puts himself through most of his own conditioning exercises, what is it exactly that Janks Morton does?

"He's Ray's Svengali," says Emanuel Steward, the guru of Thomas Hearns, implying that the 41-year-old insurance agent has a hold over the 25-year-old fighter worthy of a modern horror flick.

"He's very, very important," says Dundee.

"He's the key, he's the glue," says Mike Trainer.

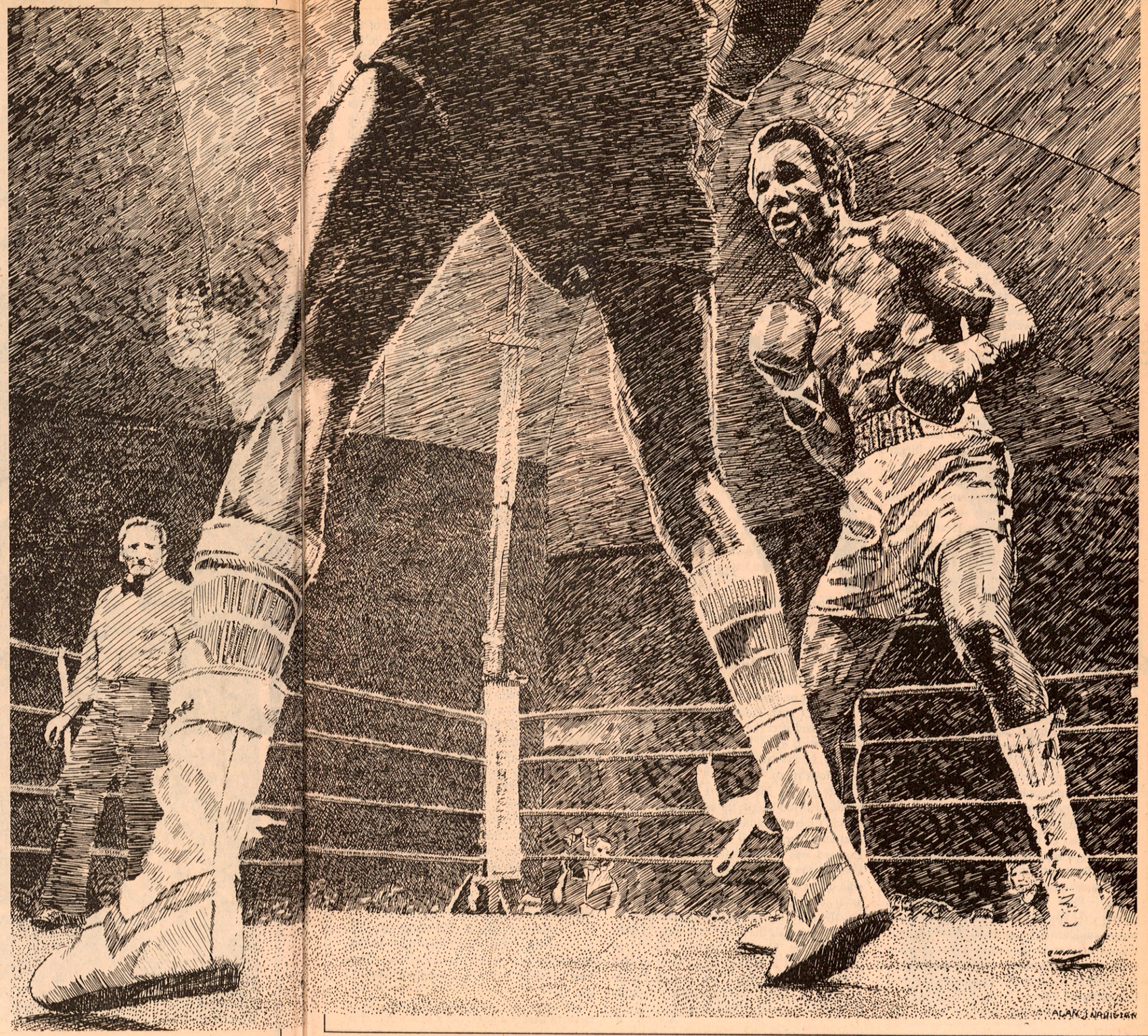
Indeed, there may not be a more important person in Ray Leonard's corner than Janks Morton.

"Janks Morton has been part of my life since I was 14," says Ray Leonard. "He's always been there. There really is no title for him. He is my advisor, he trains me, he's a little of everything. He shields me. Whatever I need, he's there."

Morton has been there since the beginning. His presence has been Leonard's secret weapon. He is the man Ray trusts above all others. Mike Trainer may have masterminded the multimillions Ray has earned and Dundee may have plotted some of the ring strategy, but Janks Morton is unquestionably the No. 1 aide de camp in the Leonard camp. Above all, he is Ray Leonard's friend.

Mike Trainer agrees. "It's just that it's not Janks to want publicity," he says.

Morton hides from the press, which by and large doesn't like him because he also tries to



keep Leonard hidden at times. It is just the man's nature. He is a quiet, private person.

"This is a very quiet man," says Dundee. "He should have been Spanish because he could speak even less English."

Morton does not have to say a word to get messages across to Leonard. Watch the corner between rounds the next time Ray is having difficulties. Dundee, the acknowledged master of between-rounds pep talks, does the talking, but Leonard listens only after making eye contact with Morton to make sure he agrees with Angelo.

"Janks and I hit it off 190 percent," says Dundee.

The percentage is even higher between Janks and Ray. Leonard knows that Morton would never allow him to go out into battle if he were in danger of being hurt. Early in his career, he suffered a chipped tooth and asked Dundee between rounds if it were broken. Dundee, applying psychology, said the tooth was all right. Morton said it was broken, a fact Ray knew merely by running his tongue along it. Ray knows Janks won't lie, not even in the name of psychology. So when Janks allows him to continue a fight, Ray knows he is in no danger. It makes him comfortable.

Morton is so concerned with Leonard's safety he will not allow the use of any illegal substances between rounds. He'd rather see a fight stopped than risk Ray's health. Before every fight, Morton checks Dundee's little black bag to make sure there are no cement solutions for cuts. In the recent Hearns fight, Angelo was worried about the bruise under Leonard's left eye, which Ray had suffered in training. Dr. Michael Sabia of the New Jersey State Athletic Commission had devised a small flat iron to keep swelling down, much in the manner old-time cornermen used quarters or half-dollars—pressing hard against the swelling and then moved the clot down into the fighter's cheek, away from the eye, to keep vision intact. This hurts like hell and Morton would not allow Ray to suffer this pain. What friend would?

Dundee failed to get clearance from Morton for the iron, so between rounds, when the swelling beneath Ray's eye became a problem and Angelo brought out the device, Morton took it away and applied the pressure himself, making sure not to hurt Leonard.

"Janks Morton," says Leonard, "is like a second father to me." Morton, in fact, was called "Big Pappa" behind his back by many of the kids at the Palmer Park, Md., Recreation Center in Leonard's home town.

Roger Dale Leonard, now retired as a fighter after rising to world class status in the junior middleweight division, first brought his kid brother to the center where Morton worked as a volunteer and where he had arranged for a coaching job for an old friend named Dave Jacobs.

"There was nothing fantastic about Ray then," says Morton. "But you could see the determination. You knew that Ray was a winner."

At first, though, the other kids teased him. "They called him a sissy because he wouldn't box," says Morton. "Ray was in gymnastics then, what the kids called a 'tumbler.' That's when he started boxing."

Not that Morton cared whether 14-year-old Ray Leonard became a fighter. He had other priorities for his kids. He set up "guidelines" for them. "If they didn't have certain grades," he says, "they couldn't train. All the kids had to bring me their report cards from school."

Once, he even barred Ray from working out because he was not satisfied with his marks. School was important to Morton, a former teacher himself.

Morton had graduated in 1963 from Northeast Missouri State Teachers College, where he helped one of his football teammates learn how to box. Morton is still good friends with the old teammate, a man named Ken Norton. His own boxing career ended at the age of 17, when undefeated in 13 fights, he retired to concentrate on football and baseball.

"I didn't even know he had any fights," Dundee said after the Hearns fight. "Not that you have to excel in a sport to be a good teacher. I had some fights as an amateur, but I never fought pro."

After getting his Masters degree in education, Morton taught for six months, "but I couldn't feed my family." He started his own insurance agency and by the time he met Leonard was a successful broker. Ray has always known that in Morton he had a man who did not need him for money. In the old days, in fact, it was Leonard who was continually going to Morton for financial help.

"He helped all the kids," says Ray. "I went to Janks a lot. My father worked from 11:30 at night 'til 11 in the morning and he needed to sleep most of the day. I was spoiled. I knew if I came to Janks I could always get a couple of dollars. After the Olympics, Janks pretty much paid my way around. He was already financially established.

"I trust him, not so much because of his knowledge, but because Janks came out of his pocket before I had anything—not that money is the most important thing."

After Dave Jacobs directed Leonard to the 1976 Olympic gold medal, Morton was pleased that Ray decided to give up boxing and instead go to college. Leonard called Morton, who enrolled him at the University of Maryland and helped him pick out his curriculum. Morton knew that the gold medal would enable Leonard to have it easier than most young boxers in the pro ranks, but "it didn't matter to me either way he went."

Then both of Leonard's parents became ill and bills began to mount. Ray had to rethink his decision. He went off for a week to Burlington, Vt., where the Olympic team had trained for the Montreal Games, to make up his mind. When he returned, he called Morton.

"I should go to school," he said, "but I've got to go to work. I need the money."

"You made your name in boxing," Morton replied. "Probably, that's where you can make it quickest."

Morton, a powerfully built 6-foot-1-inch, 220-pound man, played on a local softball team whose coach, and occasional pitcher, was an old lawyer friend named Mike Trainer. Morton had gone to Trainer for his own insurance business and trusted the young attorney. He decided that Trainer should handle Leonard's career.

"One of the great things about Janks," says Trainer, "is that he knows his limitations. He doesn't try to do what he can't."

Trainer remembered watching Leonard in the Olympics, but he didn't know that much about boxing. He asked Morton if he thought the kid could fight.

"Don't worry," Morton told him, "you just take care of the legal aspects."

Morton finally took Leonard to meet Trainer. "He's a white man," Morton told the fighter as he drove him over in his Volkswagen. "But he's black."

Leonard hardly talked at the first meeting, instead staring out the window of Trainer's Silver Spring, Md., walk-up office.

"It wasn't for a year and a half that I had any real conversation with him, says Trainer.

During that time, Morton was the go-between. After meeting with Trainer, Leonard would get Janks on the side and pump him with questions.

"After we'd leave Mike's office and were riding home in Jank's car," says Leonard, "I would question Janks and he would call Mike later, saying, 'Ray didn't like this' or 'Ray didn't like that' and Mike would say, 'Then how come he didn't say anything when he was here?' "

He didn't say much, but Leonard listened.

At first all he heard was money. "When Mike was talking, I didn't hear what he was saying about business," Leonard says. "All I heard was 'thousands.' But Janks was the first one who said I could make millions."

To start Leonard's career, Trainer organized a group of 24 friends, who invested a total of $21,000. After Ray's first pro fight—for which he earned a then record $40,000 purse for a debuting boxer—the group was paid off with small interest. Leonard was now the sole owner of Sugar Ray Leonard, Inc. Trainer and Morton had decided that no promoter was going to get rich on him, either.

Morton turned down a local promoter who wanted to keep 60 percent and give Ray only 40. He took the fighter to New York to meet Don King. "They presented a contract in the bathroom," says Morton. Janks didn't like the numbers. "When you're finished, flush it down the stool," he said.

"I got a lot of calls trying to buy me," says Morton. "I've been offered bags of money when they find out I'm closest to Ray. But I wasn't for sale. I guess that's why we've survived."

Morton and Trainer kept Ray's options open. They arranged for a lucrative deal with ABC, but one which allowed him to appear also on CBS and NBC, as well as on Home Box Office. Trainer has deservedly gotten much credit for the $36 million or so of Leonard's paydays, but Morton also was responsible. He preferred, however, to let Mike take the spotlight. Morton is camera shy.

"I don't need the TV cameras or any of it," he says. "I'm not planning on going to Hollywood after this is over."

In fact, he moved instead to Phoenix, where the air was better for his allergies. It was totally within character that Morton kept his secret from even Dundee and Leonard, who remembered Jank's red eyes and sneezing, but had no idea he suffered that much.

The nomenclature isn't entirely wrong, either, about Morton being Leonard's trainer. Dave Jacobs, who was forced out of the Leonard camp in a dispute over, surprise!, money last year, was never really replaced. By now, Leonard is pretty much his own trainer, the way most champions become after a while. Morton has been working with him in the gym almost from the start, but in the days before the Hearns fight, with Jacobs in Steward's camp bitterly protesting that Janks had little to do with Ray's development, Morton publicly acknowledged that Jacobs was the main trainer in those days.

Now it's different. By the time Dundee shows up, usually just before the fight, Leonard has already been worked into shape and the basic strategies agreed upon.

"Janks actually works Ray, puts him through his paces," says Angelo, who usually talks with Morton about three or four times a week during the early stages of training. "He talks to the kid about certain tactics."

Morton, like Dundee and like Leonard, is also a faithful viewer of video tapes of the opponent. The three men form the boxing brain trust—Trainer is kept informed, but has no input—and Janks says by the time Angelo shows up for the final polishing, "Ray is ready to jump into the ring."

The working relationship among them, Dundee says, seems to be always improving. "Things get smoother at each fight," he says.

In much the same manner Trainer gets most of the credit for the business management of Ray Leonard, the personable and popular Dundee gets most of it for the training. Again, Morton does not care.

"The only thing that interests Janks," says Trainer, "is Ray's welfare."

But Morton deserves much of the credit for the ploy that helped Leonard win back the title from Roberto Duran. While Jacobs kept insisting that Ray needed a tuneup or two to get over the loss to Duran in their first meeting, Morton argued that an immediate rematch made more sense.

"Janks knew that Duran would eat himself out of shape," says Trainer. "He figured that by fighting him right away, Duran would have time only to get out of shape and not enough time to get back into it again."

Since Dundee wholeheartedly concurred, the rest is history. Says Leonard, "Janks envisions what can materialize. He is a very knowledgable, very reasonable man. He just doesn't like you to step on his toes."

Leonard laughs when people look at Morton's size and figure him for a bodyguard or a hanger-on. "Some people," he says, "look at Janks as if he was a flunky. That's when he started coming out of his bag a bit."

The fighter appreciates that "Janks would never tell me I can't do something; he would advise me." Over the years, Leonard admits, their relationship has changed.

"At first, it was father-son," he says. "Now it's friends."

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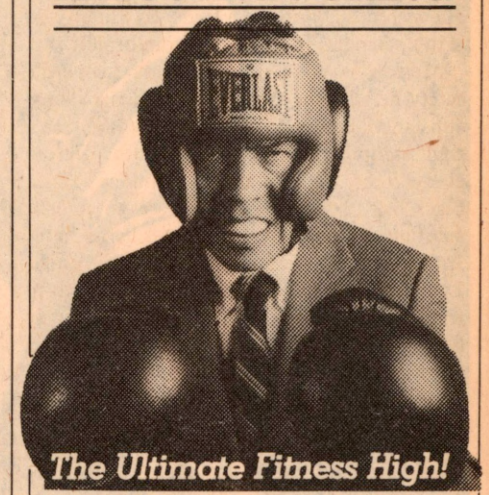

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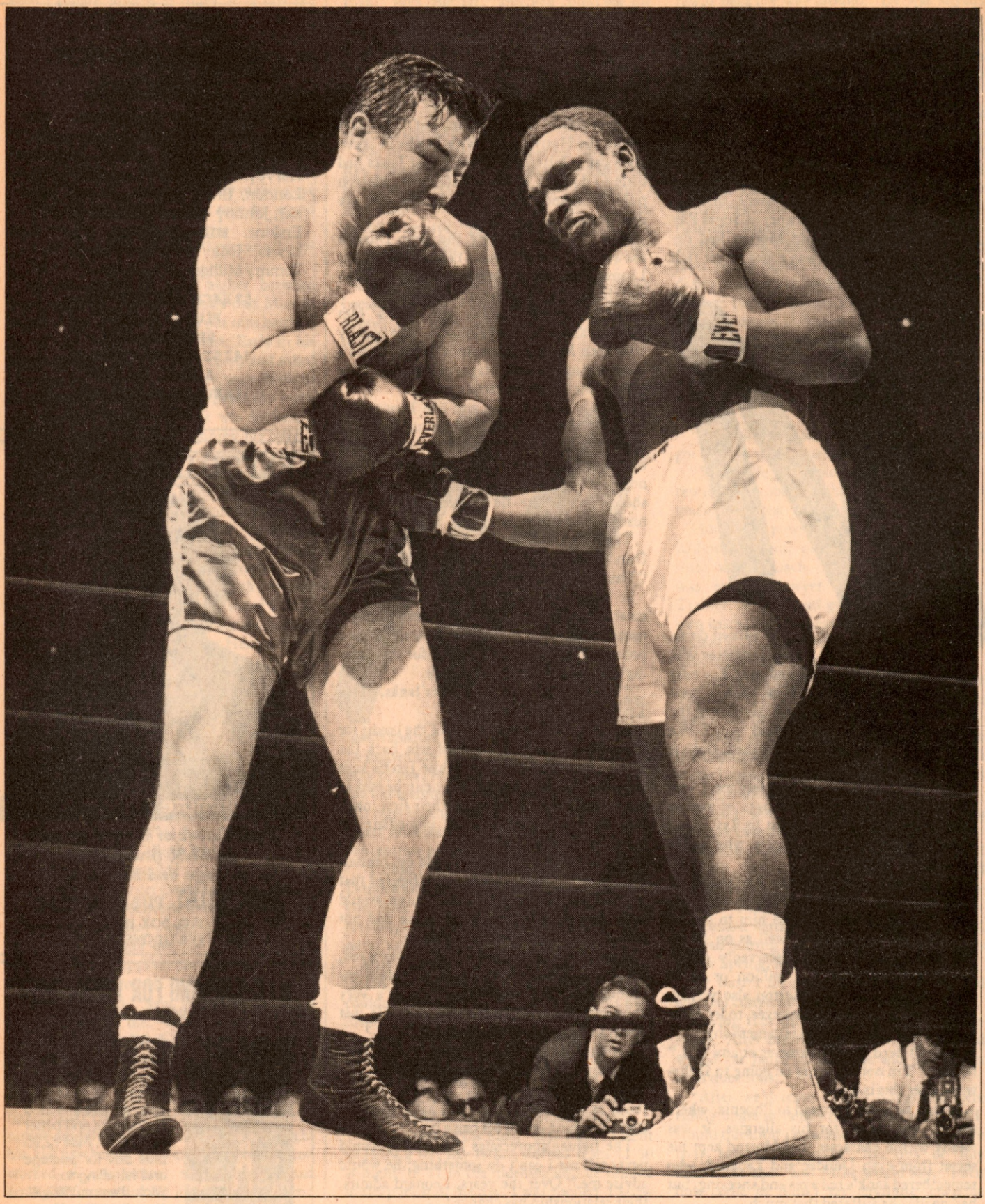

Joe Frazier demonstrates the correct technique for sinking your fist into your opponent's midsection on Canada's George Chuvalo during their July 19, 1957 bout.

THE PICTURE is one of Muhammad Ali, his back to the ropes, as "Smokin' Joe" Frazier, his head on Ali's chest, prepares to send yet another left hook thudding into Ali's right side just below his elbow, which is tucked protectively against his body. "The Thrilla in Manila," it was called. A pugilistic war is what it was. ¶ The "war" had been broken into 14 separate battles. There would have been a 15th—and perhaps a massacre—had not a compassionate, old general named Eddie Futch called his battalion away from the front line. ¶ Later, Ali would admit, "The fight was the closest thing to death . Frazier hit me with body punches that made me want to quit."

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The Once Glorious Art Of Body-Punching Takes A Licking

You Can Count The Practitioners On Your Thumbs. Or On Your Ribs.

"LORDY, LORD!" EXCLAIMED FRAZIER. "I hit him with body shots that could have brought down cities." And probably would have. But somehow, some way, Ali had remained erect. Only he could have accomplished that.

Joe Frazier. He was one of history's smallest heavyweight champions and the last heavyweight king to stand under six feet tall in the saddle. He was also one of the most savage body punchers in the history of the sport.

"Kill the body and the head will die," said Frazier when asked in February, 1970, what his fight plan would be against then-WBA heavyweight king Jimmy Ellis. And kill the body Frazier did. After putting relentless pressure on Ellis for three rounds, pressure that included an incessant number of body blows, "Smokin' Joe" moved out to finish his handiwork in the fourth round.

Ellis' face wore a frightened, pained expression, as well it should have. The human stomach wall—one-quarter-inch thick in non-athletes, perhaps twice that in professional prizefighters—can take only so many solid blows, especially when the thrower is Joe Frazier.

Ellis missed a left-right over the bobbing and weaving Frazier's head. As he missed with the right, Frazier sank a hook into Ellis' side. Despite the roar of the crowd, few members of the ringside press missed hearing Ellis' moan as the punch landed.

Instinctively, Ellis' hands came down. As they did, Frazier whipped a second hook at him. This time it was aimed at his chin. He flopped face down in mid-ring as the final moments of the round—and of his reign as WBA champion—ticked away. Somehow, he beat the count. But he fought no more this evening, as manager Angelo Dundee refused to allow his fighter to take any more of Frazier's punishing body blows.

Body-punching. It is an art that has gone the way of the blacksmith. Yet it is as important a role in a fighter's overall success as a quick, hard jab. Henry Armstrong, Jack Dempsey, Rocky Marciano, Joe Louis and Tony Zale were just a handful of yesterday's greats who achieved success because of their ability, unending stamina, a solid punch and the knowledge to mix a head assault with foundation-rattling body shots.

It was Sam Langford who, over a half century ago, *first* said, "Kill the body and the head will follow." And it was just about as long ago that the body punch fell into disuse, with every boxer turning into a head hunter. Of sorts.

But, just as everything else, from Buck Rogers to Popeye to Little Orphan Annie, has been recycled, so, too, has the body punch. And now a handful—no, make that fistful—of today's fighters find that if they kill the body not only will the head follow, but usually the entire prostrate form of their opponent.

The man who as done the most to put body back into the body blow is Roberto Duran, who registered body-punch knockouts over Monroe Brooks, Ishimatsu Suzuki, and Esteban De Jesus.

As a lightweight, Duran's place in boxing history is illustrious. He made his name with ferocity. With savagery. And with body shots. It was a series of powerful body punches that propelled Duran to victory against Esteban DeJesus in March, 1974. Duran had suffered his only loss to DeJesus two years earlier in a non-title fight. He wanted to more than beat DeJesus. He wanted to beat him up. He did, cracking a few of DeJesus' ribs and stopping him in the 11th round.

Quite possibly the hardest body puncher in the world today is a 6'6" gentleman—"Gentleman" Gerry Cooney. No less than one-half dozen of his victims have suffered either cracked or broken ribs, separated ribs and torn or ripped cartilage. In some boxing circles, stories of his power have become legendary. In other boxing circles, the fact Cooney's unblemished record is filled with knockouts against "shoulda beens," "coulda beens," "woulda beens," "never weres" and "once weres," take some of the luster off of his accomplishments. All we have to go on is what Cooney has accomplished thus far.

In October, 1978, veteran Charlie Polite borrowed a line from Muhammad Ali, when, after being stopped by a Cooney body-barrage, he was asked to assess the power of the "gentle" giant.

"That boy can hit!" whewed Polite. "Why, he hit me so hard my kinfolks in Africa felt it!"

Ron Lyle, who fell victim to a Cooney left hook to the side in the first round of their October 1980, bout, also attested to Cooney's apparent awesome power.

"Nobody ever hit my body that hard," winced Lyle afterwards as a doctor taped his side. "Not even George Foreman."

Ken Norton said, "I heard he hit hard, but didn't expect him to hit *that* hard," after being pulverized by Cooney last May in just 54 seconds. A devastating head assault ended Norton's evening—and career—but it was a Cooney wrecking-ball left to the pit of the stomach which prompted Norton's early exit.

While Cooney's savage power is attributable to the tremendous leverage he gets off his basketball player-sized frame, former heavyweight king Rocky Marciano relied on muscular thigh and back muscles for his power.

"He wouldn't let you rest, not for a second," said Jersey Joe Walcott, now the Chairman of the New Jersey State Athletic Commission, and the man from whom Marciano won the title in September, 1952 with perhaps the greatest right hand ever thrown.

"It was dangerous falling into a clinch with Rocky," recalled Walcott recently. "By clinching, you took the risk of allowing Rocky to get home at least one clean body shot. Believe me, one clean shot from Rocky hurt a lot more than a flurry of body shots from most other guys."

Ali and Marciano climbed in the ring together in 1969 to film action for a Marciano-Ali computer fight. Filming was completed only a few weeks before Marciano's untimely death in an airplane crash. When Ali recalls the moments he spent in the ring with "The Brockton Blockbuster," the pain he experienced is also recalled.

"That man really could punch," said Ali. "My whole body ached from his blows, and ours wasn't even a real fight. Even my arms hurt for a week after we boxed. Why, he even hurt me when he missed a punch!"

Still, Duran and Cooney aside, today you can count the number of those who effectively use the body punch on your thumbs. Or on your ribs. But it wasn't always thus.

Perhaps the most famous punch in all of boxing was Bob Fitzsimmons' famed solar plexis punch to Gentleman Jim Corbett's midsection, which separated Corbett from his crown and his senses in the 14th round of their heavyweight championship fight over 80 years ago. Since then, the body punch has had few adherents; and even fewer who've used it with precision.

The late Charlie Goldman, famed as the diminutive trainer of Rocky Marciano, used to recall the importance of a body punch. "I once saw a middleweight title change hands on a body punch. And it was my own fighter, Al McCoy, who did it. It happened in Brooklyn, in 1914, when Jack Daugherty and I had a big stable. Funny thing was McCoy, who was a southpaw, wasn't the star of our stable. Have you ever heard of the Chip brothers, Joe and George? Well, George was the middleweight champ and Joe was a middleweight. Period. Joe got sick after being matched with McCoy and Jimmy Dime, who managed the Chips, phoned us with the news. I got on the phone and pressured Dime, 'Why pass up the money? George can grab the cash and you know as well as I do, Al don't belong in the same ring with George.' He took it. I figured Chip wouldn't start fast, particularly against a southpaw. So I told McCoy: 'Bomb this guy with your left as soon as you can . . .' McCoy throws a right lead, and Chip's guard went up. Then McCoy put everything he had behind a left to the belly . . . I'll never forget it," Goldman remembered, "it was like letting the air out of a balloon. Chip went down, very slowly but sure. He was through."

Whitey Bimstein, a contemporary of Goldman's experienced a similar event when his fighter, Rocky Graziano, fought Tony Zale, then middleweight champion, in 1946.

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Stadium," glowed Whitey. "Rocky was at his peak, Zale couldn't do anything but take it. From the first round to the sixth we couldn't believe how Zale was living under the punches. But, all of a sudden, Zale threw a left six inches above Rocky's waistband. I sensed trouble. Immediately Zale threw a right to the chin. The right didn't mean anything, the left to the body was bad, and Rocky showed it. Rocky sat down with a funny expression on his face, not going forward, but sorta like an Indian chief at a council fire. He got up but he was counted out. He blew it. But it shows what one punch to the middle can do."

Another who remembered the havoc wrought by a body punch was Sammy Richman, the erect keen-eyed veteran, who was once the promoter at the Broadway Arena. Sammy said, "Body-punching was an art which came naturally to some. Straight-up boxers didn't take to it, but bobbers and weavers slipped into it. They learned to put an extra zing as they dug in. The ideal way was to land at the base of the wind pipe. They called the area the 'solar plexus' and they made it famous."

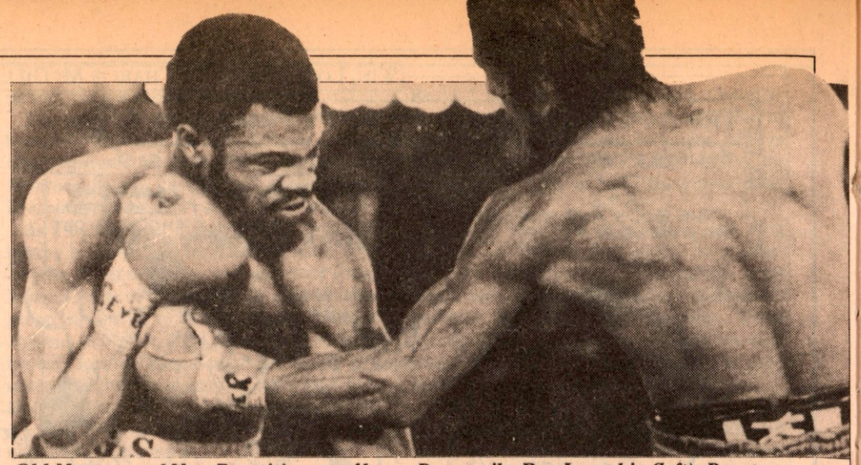
Richman had his masterpiece, of course. He worked in the corner of Marcel Cerdan, France's middleweight champion, for his match with Harold Green. A few months before, Cerdan had made a big hit by defeating George Abrams, and the bettors made him a 3-1 favorite.

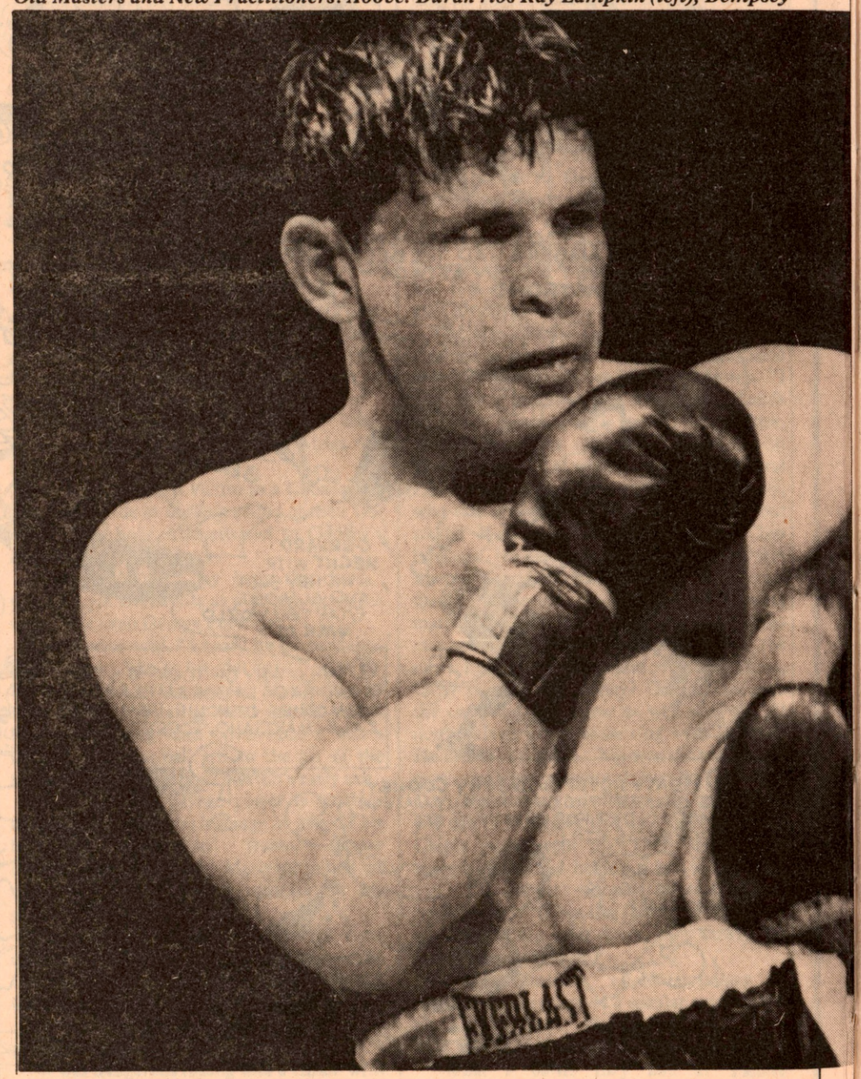
While training, Cerdan began to show tenderness in both hands. "The average fighter would have called the fight off," remembered Richman. "Not Cerdan. He was the kind of guy who said, 'Listen, can you dope the hands so they won't bother me for a couple of rounds? I'll knock him out in two rounds.'

"I knew we couldn't argue him out of it . . . Funny, how the word gets around. The odds dropped. I talked to Cerdan in the dressing room. 'You haven't got much time, you can't fool around with Green, he can hit. Be ready, you beat him to it. You can sink one in, maybe follow it up with one on the chin. But the best way is to make it to the body first . . . The first round was a watch-and-wait affair. When I sent Cerdan out for the second, I reminded him, 'The left to the body, make it a surprise . . . Well, he did it, so fast, so solid, Green didn't know what happened. He was out from that one punch. Now *that* was a body-punch masterpiece."

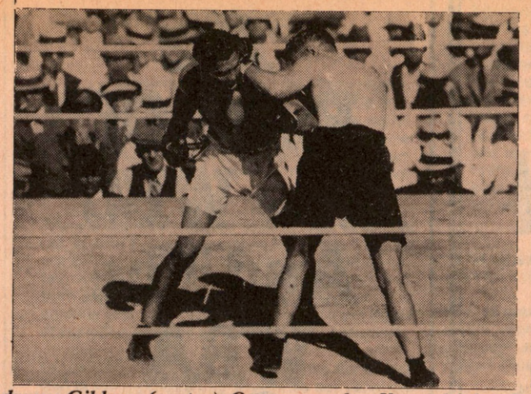
Veteran trainer Freddie Brown, who worked with Marciano and Duran, two of history's most savage body-punchers, perhaps best put today's shortage of body-punchers into perspective: "Nearly all the kids today are head-hunters," he enunciated through clenched teeth and cigar stub.

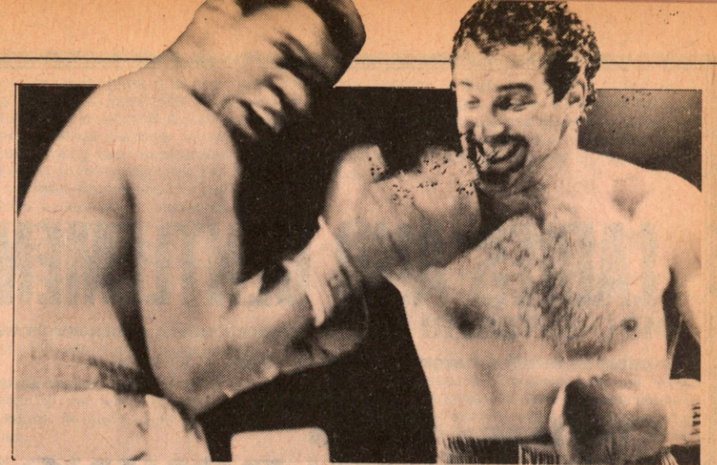
More's the pity. It's a helluva weapon. Just ask those who have experienced the discomfiture of getting hit with one. ●

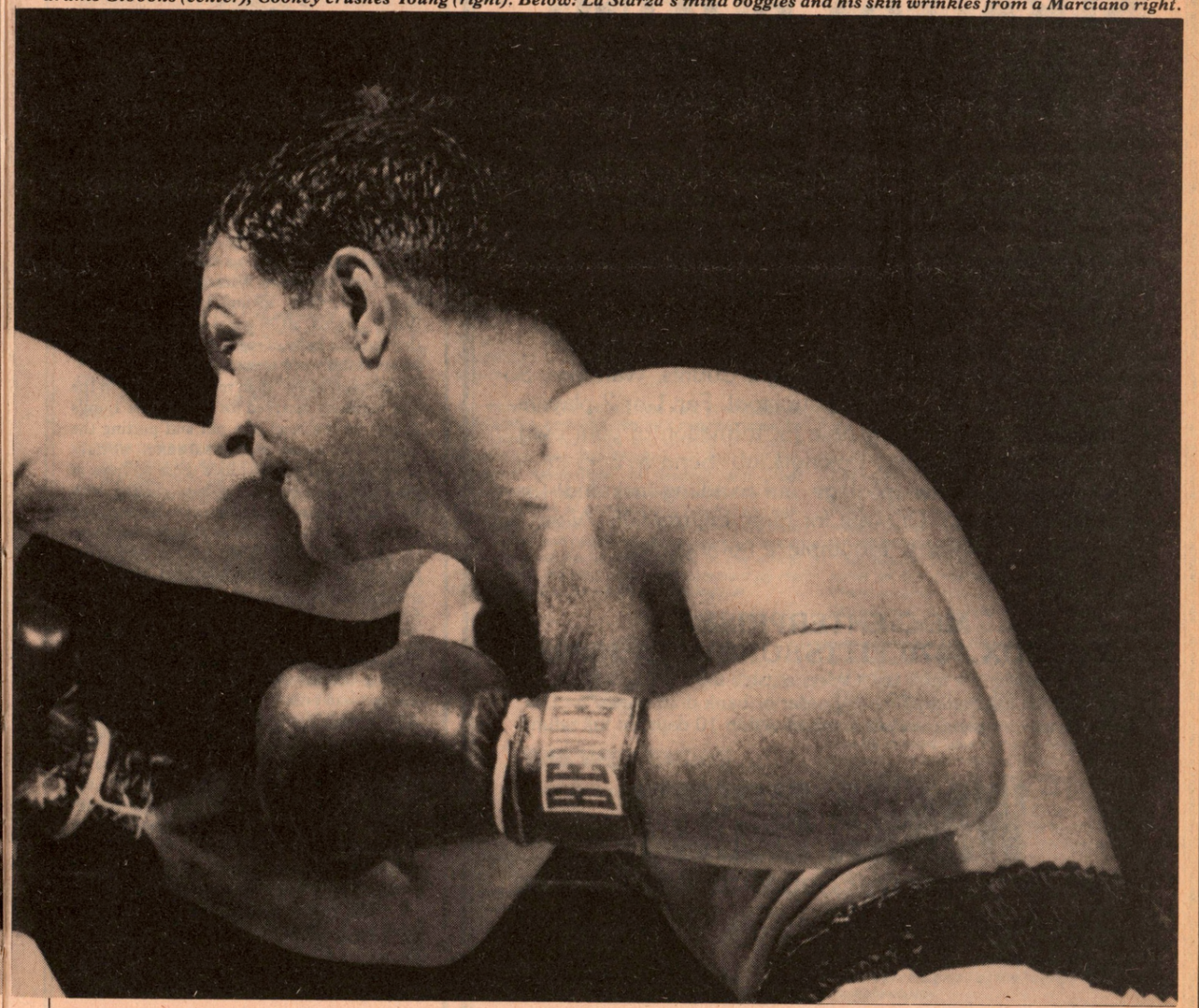




Old Masters and New Practitioners. Above: Duran ribs Ray Lampkin (left); Dempsey drums Gibbons (center); Cooney crushes Young (right). Below: La Starza's mind boggles and his skin wrinkles from a Marciano right.







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When THE RING first asked, then demanded, and then dunned the WBA and the WBC for those phantom rules they keep referring to whenever it suits their needs, but never, ever send to the people in the boxing community who need them most, we failed to get an answer from these two Wizard of Oz organizations. But, then, lo and behold, the rules finally arrived, all 78 pages of them, showing them to be a body of regulations which looked like embalming processes for the mind.

However, rather than reducing them to the size normally reserved for writing the Lord's Prayer on the head of a pin and putting the readers into a state of terminal ennui, we have chosen instead to reproduce those sections of both constitutions and by-laws dealing with the most controversial topic in boxing—the ratings. These rules will exhibit, perhaps better than any editorial we have written, that through their rules the WBA and WBC have proven they operate under the divine right of fools.

The complete rules will be reprinted in the 1982 RING RECORD BOOK and in all forthcoming editions—alas, without editorial commentary—in order that boxing can be responsible to those two organizations and that they, in turn, can be responsible to boxing. These two groups are put on notice that *any* and *all* changes made in their constitutions and by-laws must be communicated to RING for inclusion in the following year's edition of THE RING RECORD BOOK or they will *not* be considered by us—and the rest of the world of boxing either—in force or enforceable.

We fully intend to make these two organizations accountable for their actions and will not stop until they are. Otherwise they will make a sham of the sport they purport to love. And which we do.

THE WBC RULES

FOREWORD

We present with pride, the Constitution, Rules and Regulations of the World Boxing Council, which represents the reponsible work and experience of a substantial number of the most qualified and competent boxing commissioners of the 100 countries that form our organization.

There is no more integrity than to base invariably our acts in the absolute support to this Law. By not being fair to enforce a law that might be unfair, we have constantly made ammendments to form a law that is authentically representative of equality and of the absolute respect to the rights of everyone, wealthy or poor, powerful or humble.

Let us respect this law, as it represents the justice that is the mystique that should be our vocation, as based on it, we can feel that we defend our boxing with dignity and integrity.

Jose Sulaiman Chagnon
President.

WBC—RATING RULES

VI-17 RATINGS COMMITTEE. *The Ratings Committee will promulgate the monthly ratings based on the monthly bout results. The Committee will name the Boxer of the Month and it will recommend the Boxer of the Year to be named by the Executive Council with a majority of votes. It will also recommend the Fight of the Year to the Executive Council, but this accolade is restricted to WBC recognized World Championships as they are the only fights which will be viewed by a number of the members of the WBC Executive Council and which are conducted under the supervision and Rules and Regulations of the WBC.*

VI-18 RATINGS STANDARDS.

a) GENERAL REQUIREMENTS. *No boxer imprisoned or to be imprisoned as a result of a conviction for a crime may be rated until he is released and no boxer suspended or expelled under these Rules and Regulations shall be rated until such time that he is reinstated. No boxer moving from one weight division to another shall be rated until such time as he has boxed at least two (2) boxers within the limits of the new division. No boxer who resides in a country where race discrimination is practiced shall be rated unless such boxer has registered or is otherwise affiliated with a recognized anti-racial discrimination committee or organization. No boxer shall be rated in the top ten (10) of any weight division until he has participated in at least fifteen (15) professional fights or has defeated at least two (2) boxers rated in the top ten (10) of that division; provided, however, that a champion in one division may become the official challenger or voluntary challenger in another division without having fulfilled such requirments.*

b) BOXER INACTIVITY. Any fighter rated No. 1 in his weight division who is inactive for a period in excess of six (6) consecutive months shall automatically lose his No. 1 rating unless his inactivity is caused by fully certified and legitimate medical reasons in which case the loss of his rating shall be discretionary. The top three (3) rated fighters in any division must fight another rated fighter at least every six (6) months in order to keep their rating, unless such inactivity is caused by certified and legitimate medical reasons, in which case their loss of rating shall be discretionary. Notwithstanding anything contained in the foregoing, any rated fighter who is inactive for six (6) months (except where caused by certified and legitimate medical reasons) shall decline in the ratings as his inactivity lengthens thereafter, and shall automatically lose a rating if he is inactive for one year.

ARTICLE III—FUNCTIONS AND DUTIES The WBC shall have the following functions and duties:

III-1 ESTABLISH WEIGHT DIVISIONS. To establish and/or recognize the world champions in the existing weight divisions with the following weight limits:

WEIGHT	POUNDS	KILOS
LIGHT FLYWEIGHT	108	48.988
FLYWEIGHT	112	50.802
SUPER FLYWEIGHT	115	52.163
BANTAMWEIGHT	118	53.524
SUPER BANTAMWEIGHT	122	55.338
FEATHERWEIGHT	126	57.153
SUPER FEATHERWEIGHT	130	58.967
LIGHTWEIGHT	135	61.235
SUPER LIGHTWEIGHT	140	63.503
WELTERWEIGHT	147	66.678
SUPER WELTERWEIGHT	154	69.853
MIDDLEWEIGHT	160	72.575
LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT	175	79.379
CRUISERWEIGHT	190	86.183
HEAVYWEIGHT	over 190 with no limit	

III-2 ESTABLISH RATINGS. To establish and promulgate its ratings in each of the weight divisions from #1 to #20 each month, to name an outstanding boxer or boxers each month, and to name an outstanding boxer of boxers each year, to whom awards.

III-6 COORDINATE ACTIVITIES AND SUSPENSIONS WITH LOCAL COMMISSIONS AND FEDERATIONS. To coordinate all activities and actions of member federations and commissions so that all suspensions, revocations of licenses and other penalties or sanctions enforced lawfully by member federations or commissions against any boxer, manager, trainer or any boxing personage shall be enforced and respected throughout the world. *No suspended boxer shall appear in the offical ratings until the time of his reinstatement by the boxing commission which suspended him.*

THE WBA RULES

OBJECTS AND PURPOSES

The World Boxing Association is a voluntary Association organized by representatives of various athletic commissions for the purpose of assuring greater efficiency and uniformity in the supervision of professional boxing; and for more effective control and regulation of professional boxing; and to encourage and assist professional boxing throughout the world. For purposes of effective control, supervision, and regulation of professional boxing, the world is divided into four regions, namely: 1. North America, 2. Latin America, 3. Europe (including Africa) and 4. The Orient (including Australia and New Zealand). It shall also encourage and inspire a greater public appreciation of boxing on all levels as an international sport and as a builder of character and body.

WBA—RATING RULES

COMMITTEES *The Ratings Committee shall prepare ratings of the boxers in each weight division, in accordance with the provisions of Article II, Section (c) of the Constitution of this Association.*

ARTICLE II, SECTION (c) (The World Boxing Association shall establish its champions and ratings in each weight division of up to ten boxers in such division, with all such boxers being designated as "outstanding contenders," at least four times each year; and shall make such ratings available not only to its members and other athletic commissions, but to the public press and all other interested persons.)

DEFENSE OF TITLE Each World Champion so recognized by the World Boxing Association in his respective weight class from Junior Flyweight to Light Heavyweight, both inclusive, shall defend his Championship within six (6) months after its acquisition by him in a contest scheduled for fifteen (15) rounds to a decision, *against a Challenger-contender approved by the Committee from the ten (10) highest ranked boxers in his class in accordance with the current rating list of the Association.*

In the interim periods of said (6) six months the World Champion may defend his championship title against any opponents selected from the ten highest ranked boxers in his class in accordance with the current rating list of the Association, however, should, the World Champion lose his title against an opponent other than the leading available contender, the new World Champion shall be required to make his first title defense against the leading available contender, on his weight class in accordance with the current rating list of the Association, within a period of ninety (90) days after the acquisition of this title thereafter throughout the Champion's reign as World Champion he shall defend his Championship within intervals of no more than six (6) months against the leading available contender in his weight class in accordance with the current rating list of the Association.

Because of circumstances inherent in, and peculiar to the promotion of major Heavyweight Championship contest, the World Heavyweight Champion shall defend his Championship within one (1) year after its acquisition by him in a contest scheduled for fifteen (15) rounds to a decision, against the leading available contender approved by the Championship Committee. Thereafter, throughout the Heavyweight Champion's reign as World Champion he shall defend his Championship within intervals of no more than nine (9) months against the leading available contender in the Heavyweight Division as designated by the Championship Committee. In the interim period, the Heavyweight World Champion may enter into any contest, with any Heavyweight contender rated in the first ten (10) by the World Boxing Association, subject to the approval of the Championship Committee.

For the purpose of Championship contests and Title defenses by recognized World Champions as defined in these Regulations, the selection and designation of "LEADING AVAILABLE CONTENDER" in each weight division shall be made in accordance with the current list of leading contenders promulgated by the Ratings Committee of the Association.

a mike marley report

THE DAY OF THE JEKYLLS OR HOW THE WBA PLAYED HYDE AND SEEK

ANOTHER RING EXCLUSIVE

NO SHOTS were fired. No prisoners taken. It was boxing's version of the Bay of Pigs invasion. And it was just as one-sided. But although their coup d'etat fizzled at the finish, that doesn't mean that the men who plotted to overthrow leaders Rodrigo Sanchez and Dr. Elias Cordova will be deterred. The Latin insurgents who tried to push the association's former president, Venezuelan Fernando Mandry-Galindez, back into power at October's WBA Convention in Santo Domingo will have another chance for revolution at the next convention. They have certainly set the stage for a wild meeting next September in Halifax.

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. . . . Exposes Latin coup to oust WBA Big Shots.

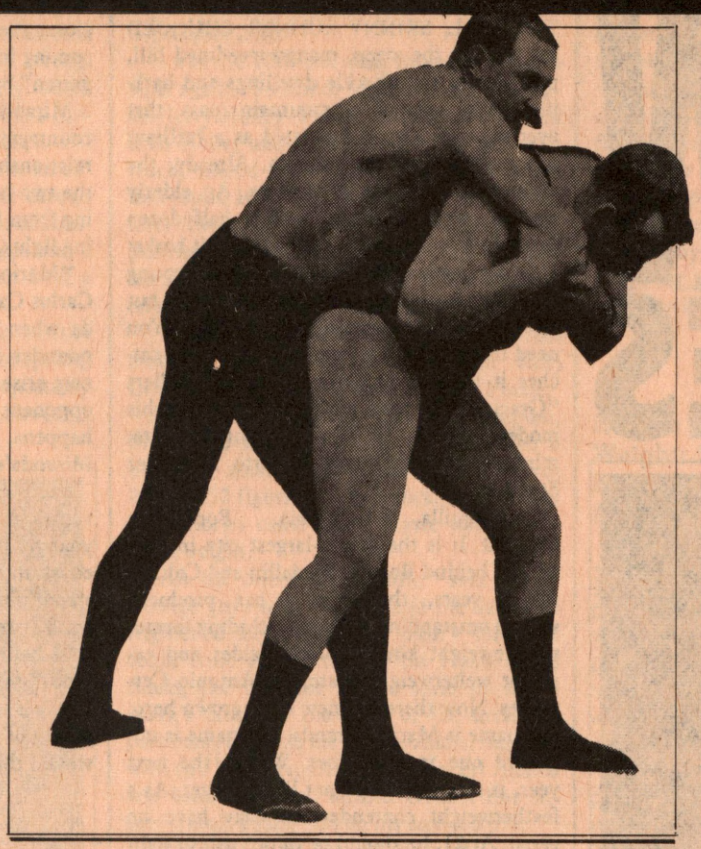
IF ALL THIS SOUNDS LIKE the script from "Bananas" minus Woody Allen, it should. But the bloodless non-coup which was directed by Pepe Cordero (Puerto Rico), Felix (Tuta) Zabala (a Cuban who lives in Miami) and Venezuelan promoter Ramiro Machado and which involved Harold Smith alias Ross Fields prominently and Don King only peripherally has almost all the elements you would find in your typical palace revolt. To add extra spice to the tale, both Cordero and Zabala have this in common with King and Smith/Fields: all four men have criminals records.

"What it was," said a non-involved Latin fight figure, "was simple. It was a Latins vs. Latins revolt. It was a group of the old generals trying to topple the current regime. And, when it was over and Sanchez Cordova and their favorite promoter, Bob Arum, had destroyed them (by vote), they left Mandry holding the bag. Cordero, who is as cute as they come, didn't even show up down there."

The whispers from the Dominican Republic were, naturally, that King was one of the masterminds behind the attempted coup. King makes out royally enough with the leader of boxing's other fiefdom, WBC President Jose Sulaiman, but he assuredly would profit from and enjoy seeing Arum's authority over the WBA diminished, if not destroyed.

Butch Lewis, a rival of Arum and King, is among those who attended and believe that DK was among the plotters. "I think Don made a mistake," Lewis said. "He showed his colors before he knew where the power was. And then he found out that Mandry didn't have this act together."

But the word from "Boca Grande"—my Spanish-speaking "Deep Throat"—and WBA VP and New Jersey commission leader Bob Lee is that King was, more than likely, just an interested spectator. If the heads of the two Panamanians rolled, then King might have waded into the power vacuum. But a 32-16 vote against reviewing the 1980 Convention amendment which allowed Sanchez a two-year term as president eliminated any possibility of such a void occurring.



INSIDER REVEALS TRUTH

"That is laughable," my bilingual Big Mouth said. "King was not a planner, a plot maker. He was there watching, only to see if there was something for the taking."

"I don't think there was any reason," Lee said, "for King to be involved." Lee, who is an unannounced candidate in the next election and could become the first American to rule the WBA since 1973, twice declined to become involved in the machinations.

He knew, before most delegates did, that the plotters' "bombshell" was a letter written on MAPS' stationery and supposedly signed by indicted con artist Smith—who is currently free on bail in the $21 million Wells Fargo swindle. In the letter, which may have been concocted by ex-MAPS' employee Zabala, Smith charged that he had bribed Sanchez and Cordova, an ex-president who seems to be ratings chairman for life. The letter stated that the two officials had divvied $225,000 from Smith's then mind-boggling bankroll. "I didn't want any part of that," Lee said. "I knew they were just trying to disrupt the convention . I ripped up the Smith letters and was applauded by other delegates."

Arum, whose affectionate treatment of Cordova and Sanchez has been rewarded with such decisions as the stripping of Sean O'Grady's lightweight title when he balked at fighting Claude Noel and the threat of stripping which forced heavyweight champ Mike Weaver to fight Quick Tillis instead of Gerry Cooney, claimed he knew the letters were circulating but did nothing about them. That may have been because he got a well-timed telephone call from Los Angeles.

"The rumor was that Smith was coming to make these charges in person," Arum said. "But his signature was a forgery. It wasn't even close and Smith told me it was all B.S. Then Pedro Arias (WBA executive secretary) went to the phone and talked to Smith with a notary public listening. His statement was notarized and *that* was then circulated."

It was here that "Boca Grande" and Arum differ completely. *"Who knows what Arum promised Smith?" BG said. "He's an attorney and a former federal attorney at that. It was a letter from Smith and they took the money. There is just no way to prove it. And Smith is hardly the most credible person around."*

That's not arguable. Smith will be remembered when they rewrite boxing history—more likely as half-Pinocchio, half Robin Hood.

The coup's collapse became complete after the resounding vote. The convention ended with the rebels humbled, and with Mandry conceding defeat. And, when Sanchez made an impassioned closing speech in which he called for Latin unity, he was wildly cheered.

"I don't know who exactly backed Mr. Galindez," Cordova said. "I have no proof. I am accusing nobody."

Arum's Panamian junta remains in power. The rebels have returned to the hills. But, when they meet again next year in Nova Scotia they will be tested again. This time, the insurgents better have something more than Harold Smith to bank on.

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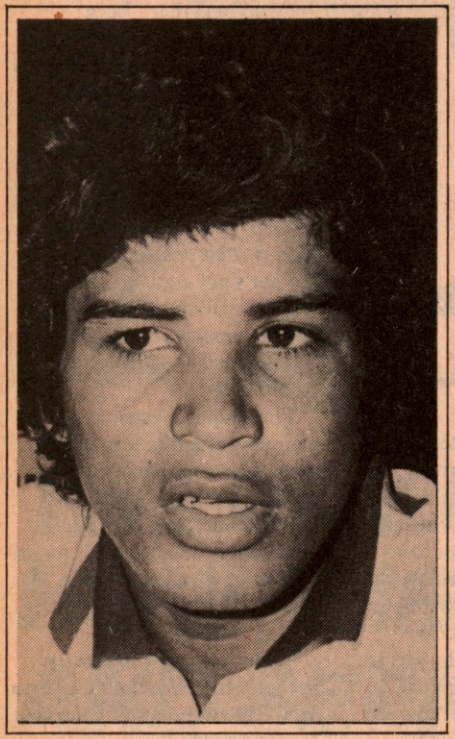
NEW FACES



MARIO MIRANDA

THE TALL, SKINNY RUNNER CHUGGED his way up the steep, mango tree-lined hill, past several ram-shackle dwellings and barking dogs, around a mountain pass that overlooks the city, silhouetted as a brilliant sun peeked over the horizon. Already, the temperature is near 90 degrees. An elderly woman, walking slowly with a half dozen sheep in front of her and a loaded fruit basket atop her head, smiles and waves at the young man. She tosses him a nisperos—an ugly but sweet Central American fruit, saying, "You need this to keep up your strength". He catches it without breaking stride and hollers "Gracias". He then glides back down to his modest home in Barrio Chiquinquira, minutes from the huge Roberto Melendez Stadium.

Barranquilla, Columbia. Population 690,000. It is the fourth-largest city in Colombia, behind Bogota, Medellin and Cali. In recent years, the country has produced several outstanding fighters, including former middleweight king Rodrigo Valdes and ex-junior welterweight champion Antonio Cervantes. Now there is a new homegrown hero. His name is Mario Miranda. His name is not a hard one to remember. Within the next year, it is one you will not likely forget. As a featherweight contender, he may have no equal. At 21, he should be in no rush to fight for a title.

Mario is the youngest of Juan and Candida Rosa Maranon Miranda's four sons. He shares only one similarity with other featherweights—his weight. There, the similarity ends. That's because Miranda has the agility of a flyweight, the power of a welterweight and the height of a heavyweight.

When one finds out for the first time Miranda's height, the natural reaction is a stunned "What!" You see, 126-pound men don't usually grow past 5'8". Only three former featherweight kings grew to that height—Eddie Santry (1898), David Kotey and Danny Lopez. Current WBA featherweight titleholder Eusebio Pedroza stretches the tape to 5'9", while former featherweight, junior lightweight and current lightweight king Alexis Arguello stands 5'10". Miranda is 6'1". An even more amazing mental picture of Miranda is one of him as a six-foot flyweight, which he was four years ago when he captured the Colombian 112-pound title. During his apprenticeship as an amateur, Miranda won 40 of 45 fights, including 20 knockouts. All the losses were by decision.

One year ago, Harold Lederman, a top American boxing official, returned to The States with nothing but praise of Miranda after judging a title fight in Colombia which featured Miranda on the undercard.

"He's incredible," said Lederman, one of Boxing's most travelled officials. "He's like a featherweight Thomas Hearns. The long left keeps snapping in your face as you try to get close, then POW!, the right hand gets you coming in." So far, 11 opponents have "been gotten" by Miranda's powerful blows.

Miranda turned pro under the guidance of countryman Rene Pantoja. However, their relationship ended slightly over one year ago, the two not agreeing on many subjects, ranging from Miranda's training habits to upcoming fights, prospective opponents and salary.

"Mario is a thinking fighter," said trainer Carlos Cantillo," who began training Miranda when he was a rail-thin 14-year-old 95-pounder. "He can adapt to any situation that may arise during a fight. He likes it when an opponent tries to go after him. When that happens, the poor opponent plays right into Miranda's power."

Such a misfortune happened to Jose Cervantes last September 5. Cervantes, the younger brother of Antonio Cervantes, charged straight in at Miranda. Two uppercuts stood him straight, then a left hook/right hand ended his evening in the second round.

"I believe I am ready to become a champion," said Miranda, who is now trained by Panama's Rogelio Cousin. "However, I have plenty of time. It is on my side. I am excited when I think of the future."

MARIO MIRANDA

Height: 5'9"
Weight: 126 pounds
Born: May 15, 1960
Amateur Record: 40-5, 20 knockouts

1979

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
June 9	Edelmiro Cassiani	Barranquilla	W 6
June 28	Jose A. Jimenez	Barranquilla	KO 3
July 27	Jose Salazar	Barranquilla	W 6
Oct. 5	Jaime Espejo	Barranquilla	W 8
Nov. 4	Pedro P. Vizcaino	Barranquilla	KO 7

1980

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
Feb. 1	Misael Sanchez	Maicao	KO 4
Feb. 23	Jaime Ricardo	Barranquilla	KO 4
Mar. 29	Humberto Castillo	Cartagena	W 10
May 18	Francisco Castro	Barranquilla	KO 5
June 27	Manuel A. Gonzalez	Barranquilla	KO 2
Aug. 14	Raul Silva	Barranquilla	KO 8
Oct. 30	Armando Perez (Won Colombian Featherweight Title)	Barranquilla	KO 11
Dec. 20	Juvencio Monserratt	Barranquilla	KO 4

1981

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
Mar. 7	Ruben Valdez	Cartegena	KO 5
May 27	Guillermo Morales	Barranquilla	W 10
Sept. 5	Jose Cervantes	Cartagena	KO 2

Summary

BOUTS	WINS	LOSSES	DRAWS	KO'S
16	16	0	0	11

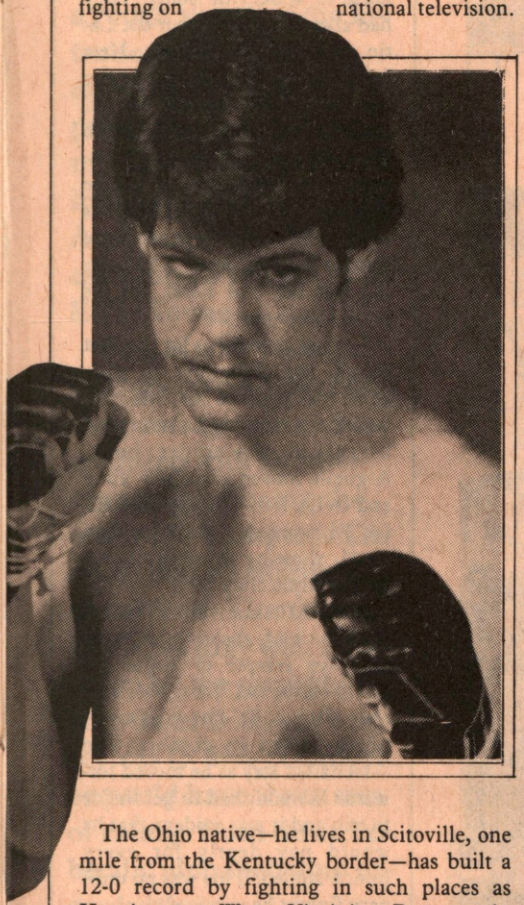
MARK FRAZIE

Mark Frazie holds a license that states he is a professional boxer. The license is wrong. And should be corrected immediately. Mark Frazie is *not* a professional boxer. He is a professional *fighter.* There is a big difference.

Frazie does not box. He fights. He is an all-out action fighter who wades in and throws punches, unafraid of the man in front of him.

"I may not have big, bulging biceps and a great build," says Frazie, "but when I hit a man, he knows he's been hit."

Frazie is not an Olympic hero. He has not made a name that has started fan clubs springing up all over the country by repeatedly fighting on national television.



The Ohio native—he lives in Scitoville, one mile from the Kentucky border—has built a 12-0 record by fighting in such places as Huntington, West Virginia; Portsmouth, Ohio; Morristown, Tennessee; and Columbus, Ohio, against such opponents as Mark Moseley, Bill Crawford, Charles Smith, Eddie Temple and Alonzo Cates. Not exactly household names. Even in their own households. But then, Muhammad Ali's early list of opponents was not dotted with the names of history's greatest fighters, either.

"We've paced him accordingly," said Thomas B. Addis, who manages not only a supermarket in Oak Hill, Ohio, but Frazie as well.

"Mark is ready to step up and begin to make his move. He lives right and trains as hard—if not harder—than any fighter out here. He runs six to 10 miles a day." Frazie's superb conditioning paid off in dividends last September 24th.

It was the 10th and final round of Frazie's fight against Southern Middleweight Champion Jerry Holley. Frazie, three inches shorter than Holley and giving away seven inches in reach, trailed on all three scorecards going into round 10, a land he had never been in before. Swarming all over Holley and putting punches together beautifully, Frazie dropped his opponent for a five-count. When he arose on spongy legs, the referee halted the bout.

"All I could think about during the final moments of the fight was (Sugar Ray) Leonard and (Thomas) Hearns," said Frazie.

A five-time Golden Gloves champion, Frazie had several offers to turn pro after a nine-year amateur career that saw him win 237 of 252 fights, 183 by knockout. Many of his victories came when Frazie was a light heavyweight.

"All the offers scared him," said Addis. "These guys with big cars and big bankrolls frightened Frazie off. He didn't think he could trust any of them." So Frazie asked Addis, the manager of the store in which Mark's father is the head of the meat department, to guide his career. Addis, together with two brothers, Dennis and Robert Adkins and Linda Metzler, formed Golden Boy Incorporated. Frazie was on his way as a pro.

Although Frazie has not received the adulation, fanfare and exposure two other former middleweight New Faces—Bobby Czyz and Alex Ramos—have, Addis believes his fighter's time for massive exposure and top dollars has arrived.

"Mark is now ready for Czyz or Ramos," declared Addis. "He showed how much heart and stamina he had when he came back to stop Holley. He also learned plenty in that fight. Czyz and Ramos are not nearly as tall as Holley and I doubt either one punches any harder than Frazie. So, if the money is there to make it right, I say 'Bring them on' ".

Frazie was a recent guest on a radio call-in show in Portsmouth, Ohio. For two hours he fielded his questions magnificently. When one caller asked him, "How do you continually prepare yourself for a fight?", Frazie's answer summed up his fighting philosophy: "It's easy to get mentally prepared for a fight," said Frazie, "when your goal is to become champion of the world."

MARK FRAZIE

Height: 6'0"
Weight: 160 pounds
Born: December 4, 1957
Amateur Record: 237-15, 183 KO's

1980

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
Sept. 25	Mark Moseley	Columbus, Ohio	KO 2
Oct. 4	Charles Smith	Morristown, Tn.	W 6
Nov. 6	Alonzo Cates	Columbus, Ohio	W 4
Nov. 19	Bill Crawford	Huntington, W.V.	KO 1

1981

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
Jan. 8	Benny Mitchell	Columbus, Ohio	W 6
Feb. 1	Mark McCullough	Portsmouth, Ohio	KO 4
Mar. 27	Eddie Temple	Huntington, W.V.	KO 3
Apr. 11	Don Morgan	Huntington, W.V.	W 8
June 10	Rickey Sheppard	Tampa, Fla.	KO 6
July 18	Willie Taylor	Tampa, Fla.	KO 2
Aug. 27	Chris Lange	Tampa, Fla.	KO 4
Sept. 24	Jerry Holley	Tampa, Fla.	KO 10

Summary

BOUTS	WINS	LOSSES	DRAWS	KO'S
12	12	0	0	10

ATTENTION—MATCHMAKERS, PROMOTERS, MANAGERS, TRAINERS, BOOKING AGENTS, AND FIGHTERS:

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FIGHT OF THE MONTH

ARGUELLO-MANCINI
WBC Lightweight Title

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J.—The storybook rise of Ray (Boom Boom) Mancini ran headlong into reality in the form of future Hall-of-Famer Alexis Arguello, who shattered Ray's dream of winning the lightweight title with a technical knockout at 1:36 of the 14th round. For all its soap opera elements, the actuality of the match was brutally obvious. Arguello was simply way too much for Mancini to overcome, regardless of his youthful exuberance and purity of mission.

This one had all the facets of a Hollywood screenplay. The fact that Ray was fighting as much for his father, Lenny, as himself had been highly advertised. The senior Mancini, a lightweight contender in the 40s, had been deprived of a title shot when his career was interupted by World War II. Ray's ambition was to fulfull his dad's lost dream. All very emotional stuff, honed to a fine promotional point by CBS-TV and the national print media. Despite recent surgery, Mr. Mancini was trotted out to ringside in a wheelchair and the stage was set for an all-American finale. Only Arguello forgot to read the script.

Expectations were high and extra bleachers were installed in the ballroom of Bally's Park Place Hotel Casino to accommodate the overflow of Mancini supporters. Banners festooned the room and deafening chants of "Boom Boom" filled the air as the youthful Mancini made his entrance. Arguello, a financial and political exile from his homeland of Nicaragua, entered to polite applause.

Everlast gloves were laced on as a concession to the Mancini camp. They had threatened to take a walk if the cut-prone Reyes brand was used, as is the norm in WBC title bouts. They had also squawked about the Latin flavor of the officials. New Jersey judge Eva Shain was the only Anglo face among the lot. Roberto Rodriquez of Puerto Rico and Jose Mayorca of Nicaragua completed the rest of the judging trio, with Tony Perez as referee. Mancini's corner were unduly worried here. The scoring was fair and Perez did his usual competent job.

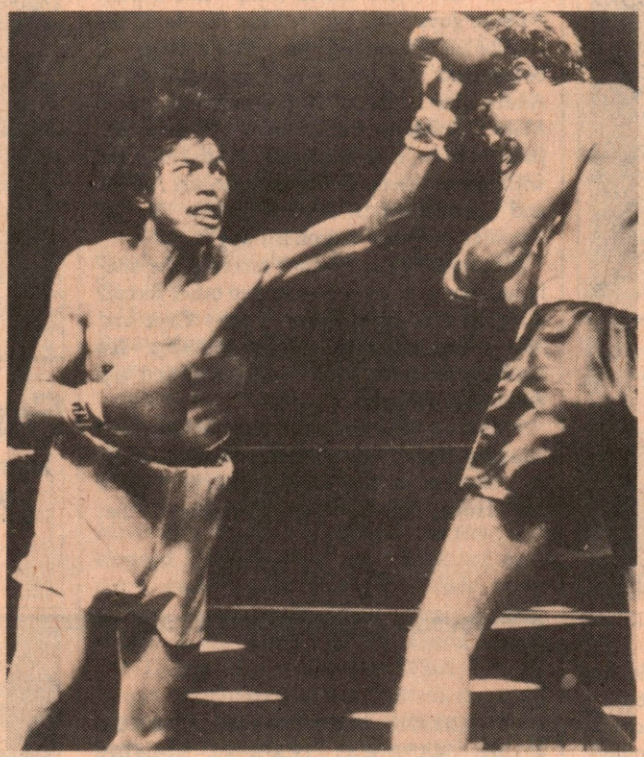
As they moved out for the first round, the difference in physique was plain to see. Mancini was shorter by half a head, but bigger in the upper body. Arguello moved gracefully away and to his left, probing with his jab. Mancini started slower than usual, showing sensible respect for the triple champion.

Mancini tentatively advanced in the second, absorbing a representative sample of Arguello's arsenal as he did. Jabs, hooks off the jab, right hands underneath—often in combination—all nailed Ray as he moved forward. Mancini had to get inside to win and it was evident that he would pay dearly for every punch landed. This was no ordinary fighter he was in with.

In the third, fourth, and fifth, Mancini gave it everything he had. He charged in, winging hard with both hands, slamming back twice every time he took a counter. This was the "Boom Boom" they loved. The crowd went nuts as the sheer weight of his attack threatened to overwhelm Arguello.

A bruise appeared under Alexis' right eye in the third as Mancini banged in lefts and rights with increasing frequency. Arguello gave ground in the fourth

FIGHTER OF THE MONTH



SEAN O'GRADY'S SHOCK, SECOND-ROUND TKO LOSS TO SOUTHPAW ANDY GANIGAN WAS AS UNEXPECTED AS A TORNADO. GANIGAN, KNOWN AS THE "WAIPAHU FIREMAN", TOOK THE FIGHT ON A FEW DAYS NOTICE WHEN HOWARD DAVIS JR., SUFFERED TORN CARTILAGE IN A SPARRING SESSION. WHATEVER FIRE O'GRADY HAD IN HIM WAS EXTINGUISHED QUICKLY AS GANIGAN HURT HIM IN THE FIRST ROUND, THEN FINISHED HIM OFF BY DROPPING HIM THRICE IN THE SECOND ROUND. THE UNEXPECTED VICTORY PROPELS GANIGAN TO THE FOREFRONT OF THE LIGHTWEIGHT DIVISION.

RING'S INTERNATIONAL RATINGS

One night, so the story goes, Pablo Picasso supposedly caught a burglar red-handed in his chateau in Southern France. The burglar tore loose from Picasso's grasp, but the artist later provided the police with a rough sketch of the intruder. Based on the drawing, the police promptly arrested the minister of finance, a visiting lady columnist from America, a Univac machine and a replica of the Eiffel Tower.

So it is with ratings. One group professes that their ratings, not to be confused with another organization's, are the ones to be accepted. The other that its ratings are the end-all. Thankfully, the WAA may well have fallen by the wayside with Sean O'Grady's upset loss to Andy Ganigan, or you'd have three sets of ratings from three imbecilic alphabet-soup organizations.

However, what the two remaining Uriah Keeps of boxing have done is use their judgment as though it came out of their pockets. The WBA has managed to exclude Dwight Davison and Wilfred Scypion from their latest middleweight rankings. And that other group of extraterritorial leeches, the WBC, trying mightily to breathe life into their "Cruiserweight" division, have not had a title defense from the supposed reigning champion in the more than a year since he won it, whatever it is. (Of course, the WBA, not to be left out of this charade has sanctioned its own "Junior Heavyweight" title bout between Young Joe Louis and Robby Williams. That should finish that ersatz division forever!)

Mr. Webster, in his widely-accepted tome, has defined the word "rate," among other definitions, as "estimating the value, worth, strength, capacity, etc. of; appraise." But Mr. Webster himself could have been rated in front of the likes of welterweight Pablo Baez and other nonworthies who seem to rise more miraculously than Lazarus.

While we have been guilty of some errors in our ratings, we hold that they are merely matters of degree, not specie. Those are reserved for those two magnificent groups, the WBA and the WBC.

But, as the cock said to the hens when he showed them an ostrich egg, "I am not disparaging; I am not criticizing. I am merely bringing to your attention what is being done elsewhere." And that elsewhere is in *The Ring*.

BERT R. SUGAR

RING RATINGS 25 YEARS AGO

HEAVYWEIGHTS
World Champion
Vacant
1. Archie Moore, San Diego, Calif.
2. Floyd Patterson, Brooklyn, N.Y.
3. Tommy Jackson, Far Rockaway, N.Y.
4. Willie Pastrano, New Orleans, La.
5. Bob Baker, Pittsburgh, Pa.
6. Harold Carter, Linden, N.J.
7. Eddie Machen, Redding, Calif.
8. John Holman, Chicago, Ill.
9. Bob Satterfield, Chicago, Ill.
10. Ingemar Johansson, Sweden

LIGHTWEIGHTS
World Champion
Joe Brown, New Orleans, La.
1. Duilio Loi, Italy
2. Larry Boardman, Marlboro, Conn.
3. Wallace (Bud) Smith, Cincinnati, Ohio
4. Cisco Andrade, Compton, Calif.
5. Kenny Lane, Muskegon, Mich.
6. Ralph Dupas, New Orleans, La.
7. Johnny Gonsalves, Oakland, Calif.
8. Jimmy Carter, New York, N.Y.
9. Richie Howard, Canada
10. Ludwig Lightburn, British Honduras

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
World Champion
Archie Moore, San Diego, Calif.
1. Gerhard Hecht, Germany
2. Hans Stretz, Germany
3. Yolande Pompey, Trinidad, B.W.I.
4. Chuck Spieser, Lansing, Mich.
5. Tony Anthony, New York, N.Y.
6. Willi Besmanoff, Germany
7. Willi Hoepner, Germany
8. Gordon Wallace, Canada
9. Charles Colin, France
10. Dogomar Martinez, Uruguay

FEATHERWEIGHTS
World Champion
Sandy Saddler, New York, N.Y.
1. Hogan (Kid) Bassey, Nigeria
2. Cherif Hamia, France
3. Paul Jorgensen, Port Arthur, Texas
4. Carmelo Costa, Brooklyn, N.Y.
5. Miguel Berrios, Puerto Rico
6. Flash Elorde, Philippines
7. Ciro Morasen, Cuba
8. Ike Chestnut, New York, N.Y.
9. Victor (Sonny) Leon, Venezuela
10. Rudy Garcia, Los Angeles, Calif.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
World Champion
Ray Robinson, New York, N.Y.
1. Gene Fullmer, West Jordan, Utah
2. Charley Humez, France
3. Ralph Jones, Yonkers, N.Y.
4. Ellsworth (Spider) Webb, Chicago, Ill.
5. Rory Calhoun, White Plains, N.Y.
6. Joey Giardello, Philadelphia, Pa.
7. Bobby Boyd, Chicago, Ill.
8. Neal Rivers, Las Vegas, Nevada
9. Charley Joseph, New Orleans, La.
10. Joey Giambra, Buffalo, N.Y.

BANTAMWEIGHTS
World Champion
Mario D'Agata, Italy
1. Raul (Raton) Macias, Mexico
2. Leo Espinosa, Philippines
3. Tanny Campo, Philippines
4. Billy Peacock, Los Angeles, Calif.
5. Alphonse Halimi, France
6. Ricardo Moreno, Mexico
7. Jose Lopez, Mexico
8. Kevin James, Australia
9. German Ohm, Mexico
10. Fili Nava, Mexico

WELTERWEIGHTS
World Champion
Carmen Basilio, Syracuse, N.Y.
1. Tony DeMarco, Boston, Mass.
2. Johnny Saxton, Brooklyn, N.Y.
3. Art Aragon, Los Angeles, Calif.
4. Isaac Logart, Cuba
5. Virgil Akins, St. Louis, Mo.
6. Vince Martinez, Paterson, N.J.
7. Clarence (Duke) Harris, Detroit, Mich.
8. Ramon Fuentes, Los Angeles, Calif.
9. Darby Brown, Australia
10. Emilio Marconi, Italy

FLYWEIGHTS
World Champion
Pascual Perez, Argentina
1. Memo Diez, Mexico
2. Dai Dower, Wales
3. Young Martin, Spain
4. Hitoshi Misako, Japan
5. Danny Kid, Philippines
6. Aristide Pozzali, Italy
7. Oscar Suarez, Cuba
8. Bindi Jack, Australia
9. Robert Pollazon, France
10. Frankie Jones, Scotland

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Budweiser Presents The Ring International Ratings

GENUINE

HEAVYWEIGHTS
(over 175 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

	LARRY HOLMES**	Easton, Pa.
1	**Mike Weaver***	Los Angeles, Calif.
2	**Gerry Cooney**	Huntington, N.Y.
3	**Michael Dokes**	Akron, Ohio
4	**Greg Page**	Louisville, Ky.
5	**Leon Spinks**	St. Louis, Mo.
6	**Gerrie Coetzee**	South Africa
7	**Trevor Berbick**	Halifax, Canada
8	**James (Quick) Tillis**	Chicago, Ill.
9	**Randall (Tex) Cobb**	Philadelphia, Pa.
10	**Renaldo Snipes**	Yonkers, N.Y.

11. John Tate, 12. Jimmy Young, 13. Bernardo Mercado, 14. Tim Witherspoon, 15. Marty Monroe, 16. Pinklon Thomas, 17. Scott LeDoux, 18. Lynn Ball, 19. Stan Ward, 20. Larry Frazier, 21. John Denis

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
(not over 175 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

	MATTHEW SAAD MUHAMMAD**	Phila., Pa.
1	**Michael Spinks***	St. Louis, Mo.
2	**Eddie Mustafa Muhammad**	Brooklyn, N.Y.
3	**Dwight Braxton**	Philadelphia, Pa.
4	**Jerry Martin**	Philadelphia, Pa.
5	**James Scott**	Rahway, N.J.
6	**Carlos DeLeon**	Puerto Rico
7	**Marvin Camel**	Missoula, Mont.
8	**Marvin Johnson**	Indianapolis, Ind.
9	**Murray Sutherland**	Bay City, Mich.
10	**Jerry Celestine**	New Orleans, La.

11. Mustapha Wasajja, 12. Lotte Mwale, 13. S.T. Gordon, 14. Vonzell Johnson, 15. Bashiru Ali, 16. Yaqui Lopez, 17. Tony Mundine, 18. Young Joe Louis, 19. Jim McNally

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(not over 160 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

	MARVIN HAGLER	Brockton, Mass.
1	**Dwight Davison**	Detroit, Mich.
2	**Mustafa Hamsho**	Syria
3	**Wilford Scypion**	New York, N.Y.
4	**Frank Fletcher**	Philadelphia, Pa.
5	**Tony Sibson**	England
6	**Vito Antuofermo**	Brooklyn, N.Y.
7	**Fulgencio Obelmejias**	Venezuela
8	**Curtis Parker**	Philadelphia, Pa.
9	**Ray Seales**	Tacoma, Wash.
10	**Robbie Epps**	Clovis, N. Mex.

11. Vinnie Curto, 12. Ronnie Harris, 13. Alan Minter, 14. Mike Colbert, 15. Bernard Mays, 16. Norberto Sabater, 17. William "Caveman" Lee, 18. Ernie Singletary, 19. Chong-Pal Park, 20. Marcos Geraldo, 21. Bobby Czyz, 22. Alex Ramos, 23. Jose Macias, 24. (tie) Robbie Sims, Mickey Goodwin

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(not over 154 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

	RAY LEONARD*	Palmer Park, Md.
1	**Wilfred Benitez****	Puerto Rico
2	**Ayub Kalule**	Uganda
3	**Maurice Hope**	England
4	**Carlos Herrera**	Argentina
5	**Tony Ayala, Jr.**	San Antonio, Tex.
6	**Charlie Weir**	South Africa
7	**Roberto Duran**	Panama
8	**Walter Gomez**	Argentina
9	**Kenny Bristol**	Guyana
10	**Gary Guiden**	Indianapolis, Ind.

11. Nino Gonzalez, 12. Rocky Fratto, 13. Carlos Santos, 14. Clint Jackson, 15. Bruce Johnson, 16. Tidashi Mihara, 17. Tony Braxton, 18. Luigi Minchillo, 19. Clemente Tshinza, 20. James Green, 21. Mario Maldonado, 22. Herol Graham

WELTERWEIGHTS
(not over 147 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

	RAY LEONARD	Palmer Park, Md.
1	**Thomas Hearns**	Detroit, Mich.
2	**Pipino Cuevas**	Mexico
3	**Roberto Duran**	Panama
4	**Randy Shields**	N. Hollywood, Calif.
5	**Pete Ranzany**	Sacramento, Calif.
6	**Bruce Finch**	Milwaukee, Wisc.
7	**Adolfo Viruet**	Hoboken, N.J.
8	**Milton McCrory**	Detroit, Mich.
9	**Roger Stafford**	Philadelphia, Pa.
10	**Luis Primera**	Venezuela

11. Babs McCarthy, 12. Carlos Santos, 13. Pepe Dominguez, 14. Marlon Starling, 15. Davey Moore, 16. Greg Stephens, 17. Harold Volbrecht, 18. Colin Jones, 19. Chung-Jae Hwang, 20. Bobby Joe Young, 21. Larry Bonds

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
(not over 140 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

	AARON PRYOR**	Cincinnati, Ohio
1	**Saoul Mamby***	New York, N.Y.
2	**Jo Kimpuani**	France
3	**Dujuan Johnson**	Detroit, Mich.
4	**Miguel Montilla**	Dominican Rep.
5	**Lennox Blackmoore**	Guyana
6	**Monroe Brooks**	Los Angeles, Calif.
7	**Johnny Bumphus**	Nashville, Tenn.
8	**Willie Rodriguez**	Allentown, Pa.
9	**Leroy Haley**	Las Vegas, Nevada
10	**Steve Hearon**	Houston, Texas

11. Obisia Nwankpa, 12. Domingo Ayala, 13. Cristobal Torres, 14. Juan Jose Gimenez, 15. Jorge Morales, 16. Clint McKenzie, 17. Billy Costello, 18. Sal Lopez, 19. Mark Ibanez, 20. Roberto Alfaro, 21. Hugo Luero, 22. Termite Watkins, 23. Steve Early, 24. Thomas Americo, 25. Antonio Guinaldo, 26. Hugo Quartapelle

How *The Ring* International Ratings Panel works: Boxing authorities from all five major continents have submitted their ballots—marked from one to ten to indicate their rankings under *The Ring*'s champion—to reflect their evaluation of the relative challengers' positions as of October 29, 1981. Their ballots were then weighted with scores of from ten (for a first-place vote) to one (for a tenth-place vote) and totaled up to provide the final standings. After the top ten were tabulated, those other fighters receiving votes were then listed in order, according to the number of votes received, from 11th on.

(AS OF OCTOBER 29, 1981)

LIGHTWEIGHTS
(not over 135 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

	ALEXIS ARGUELLO**	Nicaragua
1	**Sean O'Grady**	Oklahoma City, Ok.
2	**Hilmer Kenty**	Detroit, Mich.
3	**Aaron Pryor**	Cincinnati, Ohio
4	**Jim Watt**	Scotland
5	**Claude Noel***	Trinidad, W.I.
6	**Howard Davis, Jr.**	Glen Cove, N.Y.
7	**Rodolfo (Gato) Gonzalez**	Mexico
8	**Roberto Elizondo**	Corpus Christi, Texas
9	**Gonzallo Montellano**	Los Angeles, Calif.
10	**Ray Mancini**	Youngstown, Ohio

11. Curtis Harris, 12. Andy Ganigan, 13. Ernesto Espana, 14. Edwin Viruet, 15. James Busceme, 16. Jorge Morales, 17. Herman Montes, 18. Jose Luis Ramirez, 19. Barry Michael, 20. Rolando Navarette, 21. Joey Gibilisco

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
(not over 130 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

	SAMUEL SERRANO*	Puerto Rico
1	**Rolando Navarette****	Honolulu, Ha.
2	**Cornelius Boza-Edwards**	England
3	**Rafael (Bazooka) Limon**	Mexico
4	**Edwin Rosario**	Puerto Rico
5	**Bobby Chacon**	Pacoima, Calif.
6	**Yasutsune Uehara**	Japan
7	**Ildelfonso Bethelmy**	Venezuela
8	**Johnny Sato**	Stockton, Calif.
9	**John Verderosa**	Staten Island, N.Y.
10	**Carlos Pinango**	Venezuela

11. Greg Coverson, 12. Chung-Il Choi, 13. Hector Cortez, 14. Patrick Ford, 15. Frankie Baltazar, 16. Jorge Alvarado, 17. Enrique Maxwell, 18. Mario Vizcaya, 19. Johnny Aba, 20. Leonardo Moreno, 21. Tony Santana, 22. Victor Echegaray, 23. Alfredo Paiva, 24. Il-Bok Lee, 25. Armando Perez

FEATHERWEIGHTS
(not over 126 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

	SALVADOR SANCHEZ**	Mexico
1	**Eusebio Pedroza***	Panama
2	**Wilfredo Gomez**	Puerto Rico
3	**Juan LaPorte**	New York, N.Y.
4	**Rocky Lockridge**	Paterson, N.J.
5	**Edwin Rosario**	Puerto Rico
6	**Ruben Castillo**	Bakersfield, Calif.
7	**Patrick Ford**	Guyana
8	**Mario Miranda**	Colombia
9	**Pat Cowdell**	England
10	**Roberto Rubaldino**	Mexico

11. Paul Ferrari, 12. Guillermo Vallejo, 13. Gustavo Salgado, 14. Roberto Castanon, 15. Juan Malvarez, 16. Augustin Martinez, 17. Alcibiades Blandon, 18. Nicky Perez, 19. Freddie Roach, 20. Royal Kobayashi, 21. Carlos Pinango, 22. Reyes Gonzalez, 23. Bernard Taylor, 24. Kelvin Lampkin, 25. Jorge Lujan, 26. Justo Garcia

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS
(not over 122 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

	WILFREDO GOMEZ**	Puerto Rico
1	**Sergio Palma***	Argentina
2	**Mike Ayala**	New York, N.Y.
3	**Leo Cruz**	Dominican Republic
4	**Ricardo Cardona**	Colombia
5	**Jaime Garza**	Los Angeles, Calif.
6	**Juan (Kid) Meza**	Los Angeles, Calif.
7	**Nicky Perez**	Tucson, Ariz.
8	**Carmelo Negron**	New York, N.Y.
9	**Lupe Pintor**	Mexico
10	**Soon-Hyun Chung**	Korea

11. Jose Caba, 12. Roberto Rubaldino, 13. Derrik Holmes, 14. Jorge Lujan, 15. Joaquin Acuna, 16. Carlos Mendoza, 17. Juan Antonio Lopez, 18. Jose Cervantes, 19. Oscar Muniz, 20. Vilchit Muangroi-Et, 21. Julio Saba, 22. Bernabe Montanez, 23. Salvatore Melluzo

BANTAMWEIGHTS
(not over 118 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

	JEFF CHANDLER*	Philadelphia, Pa.
1	**Lupe Pintor****	Mexico
2	**Julian Solis**	Puerto Rico
3	**Albert Davila**	Los Angeles, Calif.
4	**Eijiro Murata**	Japan
5	**Oscar Muniz**	Los Angeles, Calif.
6	**Chul-Ho Kim**	Korea
7	**Johnny Carter**	Philadelphia, Pa.
8	**Jose R. Narvez**	Argentina
9	**Rafael Orono**	Venezuela
10	**Hurricane Teru**	Japan

11. Carlos Bejarano, 12. Jaime Garza, 13. Miguel Iriarte, 14. Jovito Rengifo, 15. Weilie Nkosinkula, 16. Jorge Ramirez, 17. Diego Rosario, 18. Fred Jackson, 19. Ramon Soria, 20. Seung-Hoon Lee, 21. Willie Jensen, 22. Artemio Ramirez, 23. Enrique Sanchez

FLYWEIGHTS
(not over 112 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

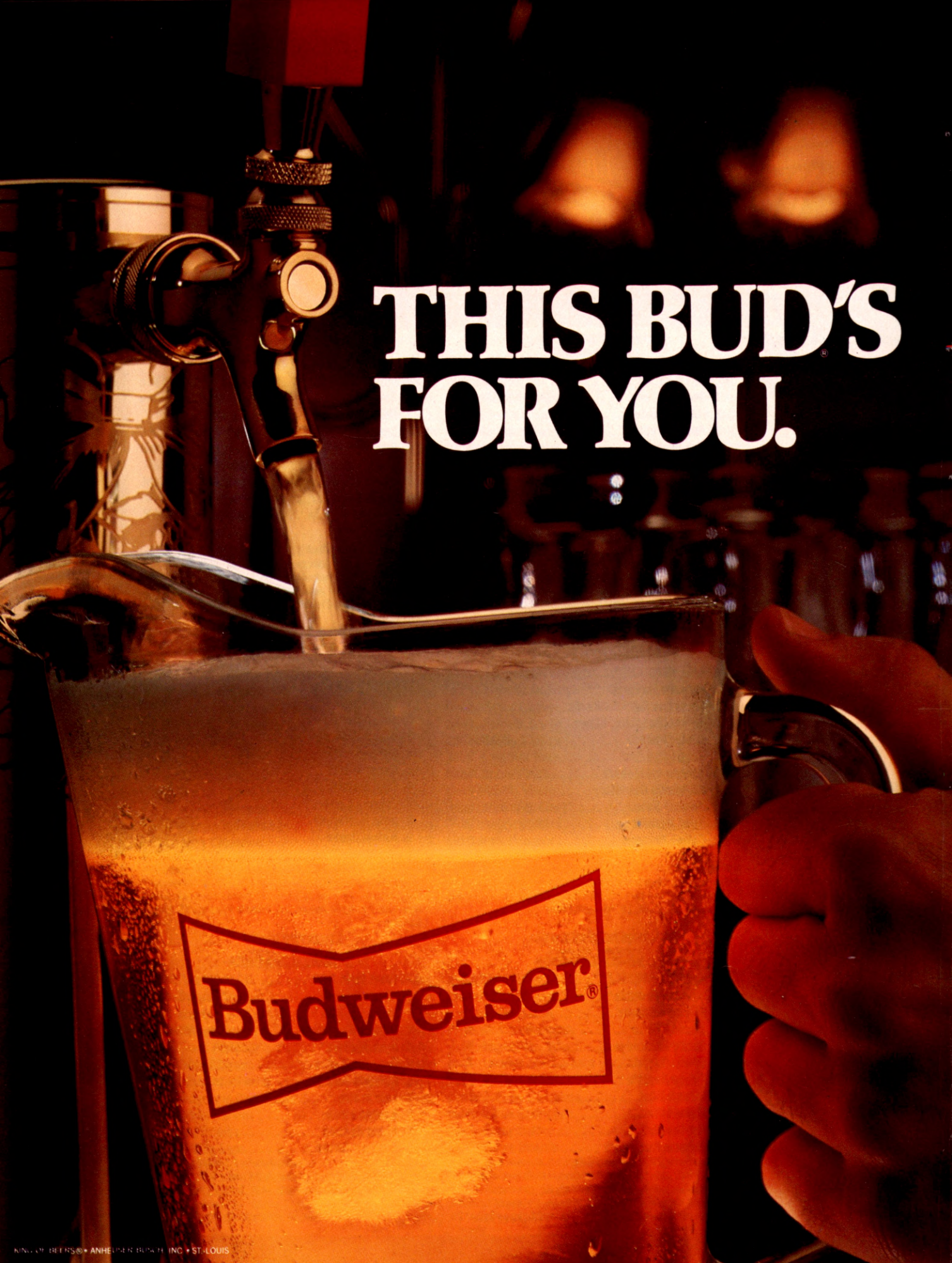
	ANTONIO AVELAR**	Mexico
1	**Hilario Zapata**	Panama
2	**Hwan Jin Kim**	Korea
3	**Betulio Gonzalez**	Venezuela
4	**Juan Herrera***	Mexico
5	**Gustavo Ballas**	Argentina
6	**Candido Tellez**	Mexico
7	**Luis Ibarra**	Panama
8	**Santos Laciar**	Argentina
9	**Willie Jensen**	Las Vegas, Nev.
10	**German Torres**	Mexico

11. Charlie Magri, 12. Peter Mathebula, 13. Pedro Flores, 14. Shoji Oguma, 15. Reinaldo Becerra, 16. Joey Olivo, 17. Gabriel Bernal, 18. Eleoncio Mercedes, 19. Stephen Muchoki, 20. Prudencio Cardona

The names following each division received votes (in order of their listing)

***WBA champion** ****WBC champion**

GENUINE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and Ray topped an excellent round with a good right to the head. At this point, an upset seemed possible.

Mancini reached his peak in the fifth. He was revved up and hitting full stride. Arguello slowed his assault some with occasional left hooks, but Ray kept coming like a runaway stagecoach, digging upstairs and down. A one-two to Alexis' face, followed by another right, had the champ backing up. Arguello calmly took his punishment and was never actually hurt or in trouble.

The sixth was close. Both scored telling punches. However, Arguello's were harder, and the tide was gradually turning in his favor. Alexis had succeeded in slowing the pace somewhat, allowing his better boxing to prevail.

A shadow of doubt crossed Mancini's face for the first time in the seventh. Arguello's masterful boxing and painful punching were starting to tell. Ray's seemingly impervious chin was repeatedly challenged by crackling left hooks and, when Alexis punctuated a bristling exchange with still another left, Ray winked in begrudging admiration.

Arguello, half a pound heavier at 135, proceeded to punish Mancini throughout the eighth and ninth. He was dominating now, working the jab overtime. The crowd tried to lift Mancini's spirits with a chorus of chants. It went for naught. Arguello was brilliant and when Mancini let it all hang out in a desperate attempt to rally, he was quickly checked by a pinpoint flurry. Arguello was cool, cruel, and casual.

Mancini's swan song came in the 10th. He connected well with jabs to the head and hooks to the body. The kid from Youngstown, Ohio, showed a ton of guts, eating counters as he came. It was a stirring comeback and also the last time he looked in the fight with a chance to win.

Until the 11th, the left had been Arguello's main weapon. He jabbed and hooked to perfection, utilizing his right mainly to the body. Now that Mancini was tired, Alexis began to bring his right into play more, teeing off to the head. One especially potent right landed square—a portent of things to come.

Arguello was hitting poor Ray at will by the 12th, his combinations continuing to wreack havoc. Punches Mancini was landing earlier were now missing. Everything was coming apart for him. Late in the round, a right caught Ray flush and he dipped to one knee, then lurched up and turned his back on Arguello. He was completely out of it and staggered towards his corner, hanging his arms over the ropes, staring vacantly out into the audience. Perez probably should have started a count. He didn't, and the bell temporarily saved Mancini's bacon.

The fight could have—make that should have—been stopped between the 12th and 13th. Mancini had taken a terrible beating and was in for more. Ray bravely answered the bell on unsteady legs and wobbled out to meet his fate. It was a massacre. Countless lefts and rights smashed through his feeble guard as Arguello patiently took him apart. Several cries of "Stop the fight" were heard from ringside. For reasons best known to himself, Perez permitted the slaughter to continue until the bell.

Mancini was insanely sent back out for more in the 14th. Why, is anybody's guess. He was unquestionably finished. A single jab knocked him back and brought blood from his nose and mouth. A sickening series of clean punches ravaged Mancini, with a pair of left hooks and a right finally sending him down. He came to rest with the top part of his body outside the ropes on the ring apron. Perez was rushing to stop the fight when Ray went over, so there was no count. It was an uncompromising conclusion to a splendid, although eventually one-sided, fight. Mancini was totally devastated.

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"I'm sorry for Ray," said Arguello later. "But that's my job."

Both men showed the effects of the afternoon's entertainment. Besides the swelling under his right eye, Alexis suffered a butt-inflicted cut on his left eyelid. Mancini was cut over the left eye, under the right and had a nasty rip in the corner of his mouth.

Did manager David Wolf and CBS rush Mancini into a title shot before he was ready? Ray thinks not.

"We thought we had the momentum going. I took a shot and gave it my all. Alexis is just a super fighter, a super champion. It just wasn't the Lord's will today. It would have been one hell of an upset, though.

"I wanted to win for my dad real bad," Ray continued, fighting to keep his emotions under control. "The disappointment is going to hurt me a lot longer than these wounds."

Arguello, gently tussled Ray's hair and patted him on the back, reminding the loser that he too had failed in his first title try (against Ernesto Marcel in 1974) and that it certainly didn't hurt *his* overall career. Fighters like Arguello, however, are rare. The signs of deterioration some saw in his performance against Jim Watt was a matter of styles. Mancini brought out the best in Alexis and he fought like the stuff legends are made of.

The official scoring after 13 rounds was as follows: Shain, 125-122; Rodriguez, 125-123; Mayorca, 127-122—all in favor of Arguello. *The Ring* concurred, 126-120.

Alex Ramos, 162, TKO's Fermin Guzman, 165, at 2:16 of the sixth in a scheduled 10 between New Yorkers. Ken Mitchell, 119½, Bronx, N.Y., won a majority decision over Carlos BeJarno, 122¼, Miami, Fla., eight. Jeff Passero, 142½, Mitchellville, Md., TKO'd Gary Barber, 143¾, Mincie, Indiana, at 2:57 of the third. Randy Stephens, 194, Newton Falls, Ohio, TKO'd Fred Brown, 180, Norfolk, Va., at 0:47 of the second.

Prelim Referees—Vincent Rainone & Joe O'Neil.

Prelim Judges—Charles Spina & Paul Cavalier.
Promoter—Top Rank, Inc.
Attendance—2,200 (SRO).
(10-03-81)

NIGEL COLLINS

SAAD MUHAMMAD-MARTIN
WBC Light Heavyweight Title

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J.—A typical Matthew Saad Muhammad fight practically assures the following: a sluggish start; a fair share of blood and guts; a moment or two of glory for his opponent; a rousing comeback; an inside-the-distance victory, and of course, an element of controversy. True to form, it was business as usual when Muhammad returned from a five-month, lip-healing lay-off to successfully defend his WBC light heavyweight title with a technical knockout over fellow Philadelphian Jerry (The Bull) Martin at 0:28 of the 11th round. (Who's writing these scripts, anyway?)

The hubbub began the second referee Larry Hazzard stopped the fight. Moments earlier, Saad had plastered Martin square in the face with an anvil-like right. Jerry dropped his arms to a dangling position and swayed precariously like a tree severed by the woodman's axe and ready to topple. Muhammad missed a follow up left, and before anyone could yell, "timber," Hazzard jumped in and that was that.

The startling suddenness of events took everybody by surprise, prompting Martin's manager-trainer, Leon Tabbs, to vault through the ropes and charge Hazzard. They bumped together in the manner of umpire and manager in a baseball rhubarb. No damage was done. A scene bordering on anarchy quickly followed.

While Martin's handlers took turns berating the referee, Saad was swept off his feet by one of his hangers-on and hoisted aloft. Jerry, in the meantime, slumped down in a heap of despondency, kicking and weeping in disappointment. Muhammad's cutman, Adolph Ritacco, wobbled around the ring in a grotesque pantomime of Martin's demise, adding insult to injury. The general atmosphere of bedlam was enhanced by a continuous chorus of boos from the capacity crowd in the Golden Nugget's tiny Opera House.

As soon as Saad returned to the ground, he circled the ring trying to assure everyone that Hazzard's action was justified. Opinions on this matter, naturally, differed.

"Martin was a sitting duck," said Hazzard. "It doesn't matter if he falls or not. A referee has to have the courage to be able to step in and finish it. In my mind, Martin was fighting out of desperation. When he was hit, his eyes went up. He was definitely hurt. I know I did the right thing."

New Jersey boss comish Jersey Joe Walcott backed him up, saying: "Our referee made a good decision. The next blow could have been fatal."

Needless to say, Martin did not agree.

"I know in my heart I could have gone on. It was highway robbery. I just knew something would stink. Sure, I was hurt from the punches, but I could have gone on."

Tabbs was even more adamant. He apparently felt his man had the right to be carried out.

"This is a WBC fight, the three-knockdown rule was waived, my guy doesn't even get knocked down once—and they stop it. Where does it say anything about your eyes rolling up in the WBC rules? If he's hurt, let him fall. Saad had missed a number of punches. Who says he's going to hit him that time?"

Saad, for one, does.

"I was ready to nail him with another combination," said Matt. "The man has his gloves down and they know the way I can finish a man."

Strangely enough, one of Muhammad's big problems was accomplishing just that. He had Martin on the verge of oblivion on several occasions, only to let the knockout slip away and give Jerry a chance to rebound. The enigma that is Muhammad was nevermore in evidence than during these moments of hesitation. If nothing else, he has always been a deadly finisher. Until now, anyway.

"When you get a man hurt, sometimes you don't just rush in there," Saad explained. "You set him up." Sure, but why let him off the hook?

Perhaps it had something to do with Saad's attempt to box more. He had promised a new look—"slide and glide, smoke and stroke,"—and, most of all—"not get hit as much." There was some lateral movement, but most of the time the champ lay on the ropes and let "The Bull" gore away at his belly. During the early rounds, most of these body punches rattled off Matt's elbows and hips. Later, he absorbed a few good ones that shivered his timbers.

Saad seemed to be groping back to an earlier style, more along the lines of his own before he turned killer. He tried to box and move, spinning nicely off the ropes and then scoring with left hooks. But it was all sort of awkward and out of synchronization. Then, when the time came to finish Martin, Matt failed to really open up.

Martin started well. He did what he does best, living up to his macho nickname. In his first title try against Eddie Mustafa, he froze and abandoned his boring-in style, opting instead for long-range jabbing. Mustafa ate him alive. This time, he fought his normal fight and barged forward, forcing Muhammad into the ropes time and again.

Although Jerry did most of the work, he shuddered almost every time Saad showed some signs of life and tossed a few punches. Hurt in the third and fifth, Martin bounced back and had his best round in the seventh, when he belted Muhammad around pretty good.

Muhammad returned the compliment in the eighth, and hurt Jerry once again with a flurry. He looked ready to go when the bell interrupted Saad's rally. Martin stumbled to his corner on unsteady legs, breathing in gasps. It seemed just a matter of time.

The 10th was a real shootout. Martin took stick early and then gathered himself for one last charge. He crowded Saad into the ropes, driving to the body and ripping home uppercuts and hooks to the head. As is his wont, Muhammad soaked it up for a while and then counterattacked with a vengence. A right jarred Jerry into a neutral corner. He was in deep trouble and Matt punished him severely before the bell once again delayed the inevitable.

The 11th round was barely underway when Muhammad's right struck again and Hazzard made his move. Martin had fought bravely and well, recovering several times from similar situations, but now seemed past the point of no return.

Facial damage was minimal for a Saad Muhammad fight. Matt's left hooks had raised a swelling under Martin's right eye and Saad suffered his customary cut. This time, however, it was only a superficial nick on the side of his right eyebrow. For once, he not only won, but looked like the winner as well.

Maybe the reason for Muhammad's uneven performance was his lack of a trainer. Matt had fired Sam Solomon and for all intents and purposes trained himself for this one. He was gaunt at 172¼ (the weights were incorrectly announced at 175 each) and may have left much of his fight in camp. If a man who defends himself in court has a fool for a lawyer, what about world champion boxer who marches to his own preparatory drummer?

Saad almost seemed disinterested with the entire affair. Never-the-less, it was his eighth successful defence, bringing his overall record to 31-3-2 with 23 kayoes. If, as he says, retirement is less than a year away, who can blame him? If Saad doesn't quit soon, someday it might be his turn to be rescued by a compassionate referee. Sobering thought, aye Matt?

Martin, who came in a skinny 172, saw his log drop to 22-3 with 15 stoppages. He gave it his best and understandably hopes

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. . . and still champion. Above right: A "Marvelous" left convinces Hamsho; Right: Arguello pounded Mancini for 13 long rounds.

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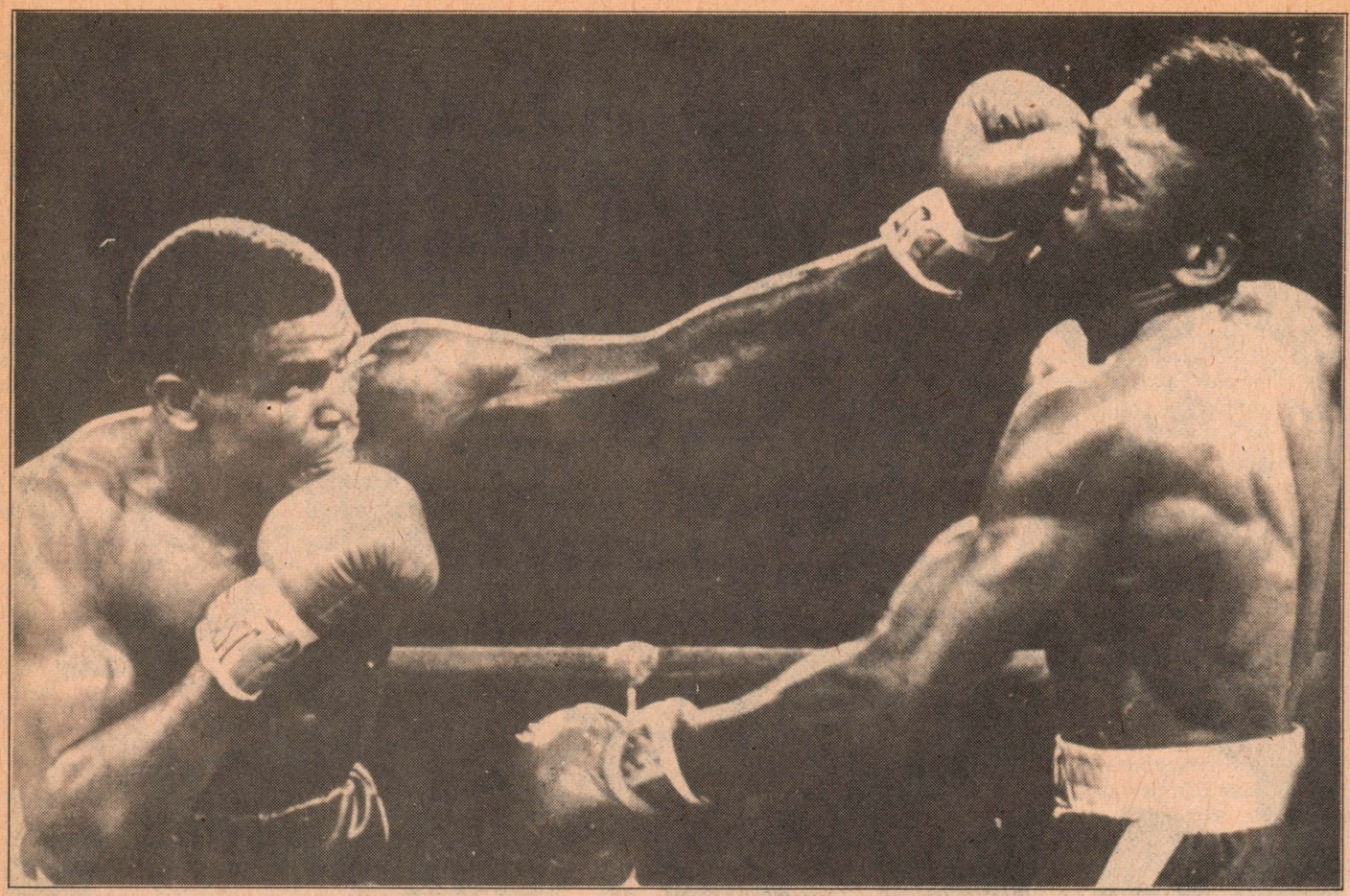

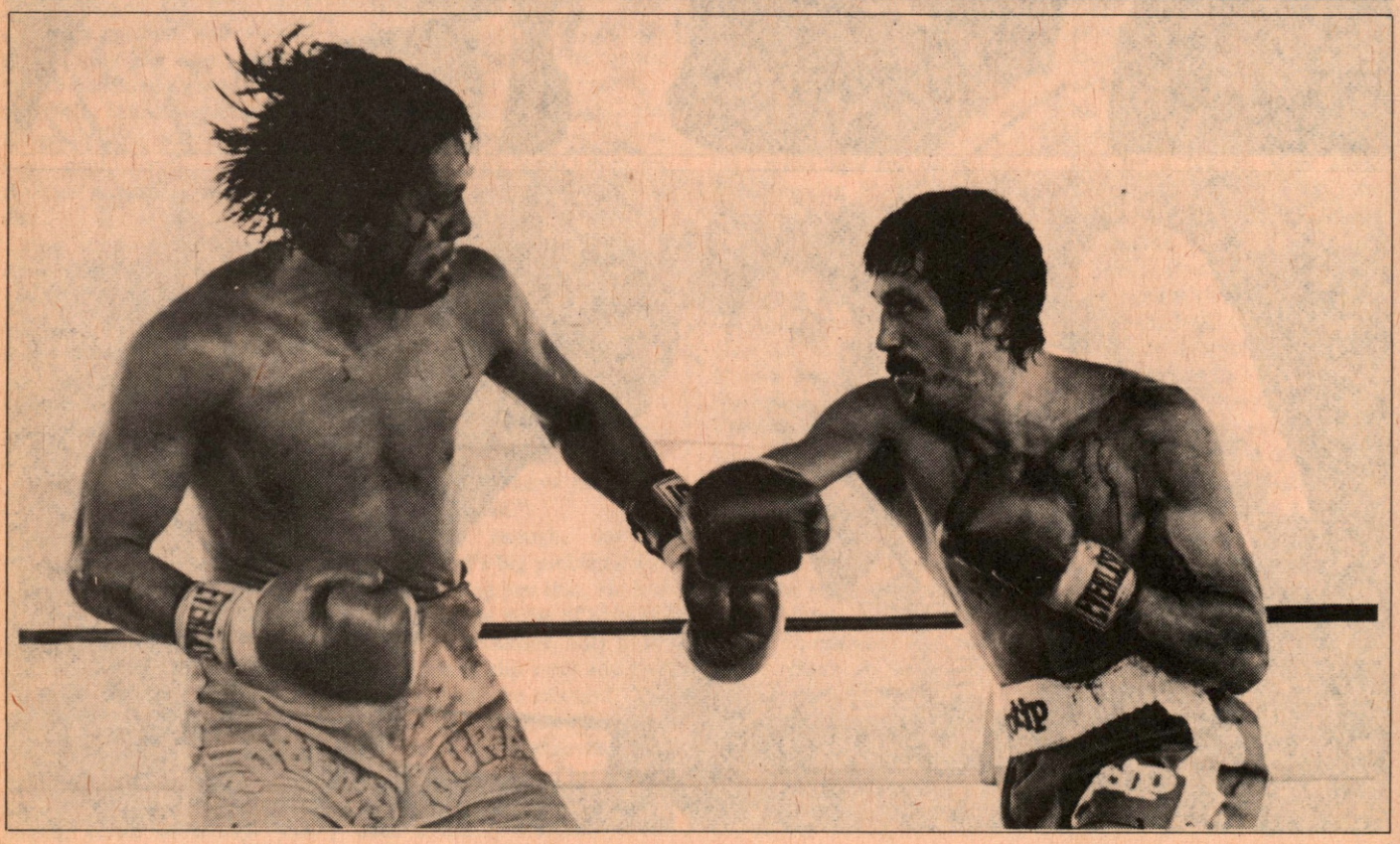

to come again. He got around $50,000, compared to an estimated $400,000 for the champion.

At the time of the knockout, judges William Kostrub and Richard F. Murry had Muhammad ahead, 96-94 and 97-73, respectively. The third judge (the ref doesn't vote in WBC title bouts), Harold Lederman, had them even, 95-95. *The Ring* saw it 97-94 for Muhammad, or 6-3-1 in rounds.

Philly middleweight Curtis Parker, smarting from three loses in a row, returned to the winning column with a seventh round TKO over Lancelot Inniss at the 2:53 mark. Parker, 160, was supposed to show new smarts and a new style. He looked much the same as the old Parker—straight ahead, face first. Inniss, 160, Montreal, tried, but was not in the same league. A clubbing right behind the ear, followed by a left-right to the chin, put him down for an automatic eight-count in the seventh. He scrambled up, only to be ruled unfit to continue after fielding a few more shots.

Unbeaten Earl Hargrove, 156, Phila., TKO'd Jesse Milan, 161, Portland, Maine, at 2:34 of the first. Anthony Witherspoon, 177, Phila., TKO'd James Van Keuren, 177, Portland, Maine, at 0:35 of the first. Bryant Matthews, 153½, Phila., TKO'd Marvin McDowell, 153½, Baltimore, Md., at 1:02 of the fourth.

The main event was carried live over ABC-TV, with Howard Cosell behind the mike.

Prelim Referees—Paul Venti & Joe Cortez.

Prelim judges—Milo Savage & Frank Brunette.

Promoter—Murad Muhammad.

Attendance—800 (estimate).

(09-26-81)

NIGEL COLLINS

DURAN-MINCHILLO

LAS VEGAS, NEV.—"No Mas" made no matter to Roberto Duran's Las Vegas fans. The former champion was heralded with foot-stompimg cheers at the outdoor ring at Caesars Palace Sports Complex for his second bout on the comeback trail.

Duran, 154, tackled European champion Luigi Minchillo, 153¾, in the blazing heat of a Las Vegas afternoon.

Duran pounded out a 10-round unanimous decision over his European opponent, but Minchillo gave him all he could handle, especially in the early rounds; and Duran was never able to put the Italian on the canvas.

Above left: Martin wiped Saad's nose, but Muhammad cleaned Jerry's clock. Left: The new, "old" Duran was in evidence against Luigi Minchillo.

There were brief flashes of the old Duran—the "Hands of Stone" who had captured both the lightweight and welterweight championships and become a legend in boxing history—a legend somewhat tarnished by the "No Mas" incident in New Orleans.

Minchillo was the aggressor for the first five rounds, pounding the Panamanian with strong shots to the head and midsection.

Duran was able to pick off a good many of Minchillo's intended punches, and counter with fierce jabs and uppercuts.

In the third round, an accidental butt by Minchillo opened a severe gash over Duran's right eye, but the injury did not impair the former champion's performance.

Minchillo managed to maneuver Duran to the ropes several times in the first five rounds, but the wily Roberto worked his way to center ring. Minchillo stayed on top of his opponent constantly, and there was as much clinching as hitting. Referee Mills Lane had his hands full, continually breaking the fighters.

In the fourth round, Duran began to find his timing and balance. He caught Minchillo with rights to the head and body, plus several left uppercuts followed by rights.

The fifth and sixth rounds were all Duran as the resurging former champion pounded Minchillo with constant lefts and overhand rights.

In the seventh, Duran stalked Minchillo all around the ring, popping him with constant lefts, rights, and combinations. A left-right combo in this round caused Minchillo's left eye to swell and begin closing. By the end of the fight, the Italian was unable to see out of his left eye, and his right eye was blackened as well.

The eighth, ninth, and 10th rounds saw Duran completely in command, as he landed nearly at will with lethal lefts, overhand rights, and a constant flurry of combinations.

In the 10th and final round, Duran had Minchillo backing up and attempting to ward off the body blows and head shots that Duran was furiously landing.

The final scoring, unanimous for Duran was: judge Dave Moretti: 100-91; judge Hal Miller, 98-92; and judge Jerry Roth, 100-90.

After the bout, Duran remarked, through his interpreter: "I was surprised I couldn't knock him out. He is very strong. He wouldn't let me penetrate his defense and be more precise with my punches. He kept coming forward with his head and body." People should be aware of the quality fighter that Minchillo is."

Duran went on: "The cut over my eye didn't bother me. I'm used to it. I'm fighting better and better now; and after another tune-up bout, I want to fight Benitez. And then—the ultimate goal is a rematch with Sugar Ray Leonard. No matter where he goes, I'll look for him, I'll fight him, and I'll beat him!"

Luigi Minchillo, speaking through his interpreter, stated: "I couldn't see after the seventh round, and my impaired vision and Duran's strength made my performance very difficult. This was my first fight in the United States; and my first fight in the "big time." I was really in about 10 percent over my head. But, if I fight here again, I will be more used to the pressures.

"Duran is very fast and very strong. He always was my idol, and he still is!"

Jimmy Young, 218, Philadelphia, won a unanimous decision over Tom (Rough House) Fischer, 214½, Dayton, 10. Scoring: Alan Adler, 98-92; Larry Clark, 99-92; Paul Smith, 99-91. John Worth, referee. There were no knockdowns. Young, a former top contender, appeared sluggish.

Franco Thomas, 214½, kayoed Baker Tinsley, 218½, in 0:47 of the fourth round in their scheduled 10. Carlos Padilla, referee.

Larry Martin, 153¼, halted Steve Delgado, 155½, 0:49 of the second in their scheduled 10-rounder. Martin sent Delgado rolling out of the ring with a right uppercut in the first round. Carlos Padilla, referee.

Mark Holmes, 159¾, won a unanimous decision over Michael Herron, 161¾, 10. All three judges scored the bout 100-90. Holmes is now 15-0. John Worth, referee.

Sterling McPherson, 139¼, knocked out Crag Van Patton, 135, in 2:32 of the first round in a scheduled four.

Rigeberto Lopez, 150, won a unanimous (39-37 on all cards) decision over Oscar Balboa, 149, in a fiery four. Lopez floored Balboa in the second. John Worth, referee.

Don King Promotions in association with Caesars Palace.

Televised by CBS.

(09-26-81)

SHIRLEY NORMAN

CARTER-ROSARIO
USBA Bantamweight Title

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J.—A splendid battle for the USBA bantamweight championship at the Sands Hotel Casino was overshadowed by a questionable decision and a sordid display of poor sportsmanship on the part of the loser's handlers and at least one so-called fan. The reading of the split decision, allowing Johnny (Dancing Machine) Carter to retain his title over challenger Diego Rosario, was the signal for the latest mini-riot to erupt.

Lou Duva, manager of tough-luck loser Rosario, stormed into the ring and charged in the direction of Deputy Commissioner Bob Lee, seated at ringside. While guards were checking Duva's advance, a rabid Rosario supporter attacked Lee from the rear. He, too, was quickly subdued before any serious damage could be perpetrated. It is a credit to the Sands' security force that things didn't get completely out of hand.

This was the second instance of violence directed towards a New Jersey official in less than a month. Leon Tabbs, trainer-manager to light heavy Jerry Martin, was indefinitely suspended recently following his altercation with referee Larry Hazzard at the conclusion of Martin's title try against Matthew Saad Muhammad. One can only hope that Duva, who is better connected than Tabbs, will receive equal justice. Attacking the officials is no way to solve the problem of lousy decisions.

The fight itself couldn't have been better. Both men fought non-stop for the entire 12 rounds and, regardless of the decision, they should be commended for their fine effort.

Rosario, bordering on world class after only 12 pro fights (now 10-1-1) was the stronger of the pair and did very well during the frequent exchanges on the inside. Carter, a half pound up at 117½, was the master at long range. Many of the rounds were very close, however, with hundreds of punches exchanged throughout the match.

Carter, 21-1-1 (12 kayoes), tried to blow Rosario out early, only to run into a buzzsaw. He was outpunched and forced to take the fight outside. Diego won most of the early sessions with Carter coming on strong down the stretch, utilizing his greater experience.

At the end of the bout, most present felt that Rosario had done more than enough to win. Then came the verdict and the fireworks.

Referee Joe O'Neil saw Carter the winner, 6-4-2. Judge Rudy Battle went the other way, giving it to Rosario by the same 6-4-2 margin. Judge Milo Savage broke the stalemate with a 6-4-2 tally for Carter. *The Ring* scored 6-5-1, Rosario.

Some quotes from a heated night of boxing:

"Great fight," said O'Neil. "I didn't break 'em once."

"Goddam robbery," shouted Duva.

"Close fight," said Carter's manager, Bob Botto. "I think the way it was scored was the way it was."

"Coming down here to fight," said Rosario, "I was worried I would have to knock him out to beat him . . . I lost. What can I say?"

"If I didn't press him, there wouldn't have been a fight. You have to press the champion to win a fight," said Carter.

"I have no problem officially with the decision," Lee said. "But I think the decision and the actions of everyone here indicates the need for a rematch."

Lee, who doubles as New Jersey Deputy Commissioner and USBA President, said he would not sanction a title defense for Carter until Rosario is given another shot. .

Charles (The Recker) Hecker, 159, New York City, won a unanimous eight-round decision over Boston's Danny Long, 156¾, in a mild upset. Hecker dropped Long with a right in the third for an eight-count and generally dominated the bout.

Kevin Rooney, 146¾, Catskill, N.Y., knocked out Orlando Montalvo, 148¼, Stanford, Conn., at 2:46 of the third. Rooney, who was cut over the left eye in the first, dumped Montalvo twice in the second and once more in the third, Kevin's right doing most of the damage.

"Irish" Danny Cronin, 163¾, kayoed Russell Kane, 162, Staten Island, in 2:06 of the third after a rousing punchout. A powerful right hand that landed flush on the chin spilled Kane for the full count.

Billy (Fireball) Bradley, 154¼, Middletown, Ohio, boxed his way to a unanimous six-round decision over rugged John Fanea, 153¾, White Plains, N.Y., in another lively affair. Fanea got off to a roaring start only to fade when Bradley got his jab working.

Derek Cuttino, 137, East Orange, N.J., appeared to have done enough to end Kato Wilson's winning streak, but he had to settle for a draw after six rounds of hard, if rather sloppy, fighting. Wilson, 136, Brooklyn, N.Y., is now 5-0-1, while Cuttino went to 7-5-3.

Troy Darnell, 151¾, New Rochelle, N.Y., scored a majority decision over Jose Duran Martinez, 146½, New York City, in a four-round walkout bout.

The show was televised by the ESPN cable.

Referees—Joe O'Neil & Tony Perez.

Judges—Rudy Battle & Bill Carrozza (prelims only).

Promoter—Top Rank, Inc.

Attendance—450 (estimate).

(10-01-81)

NIGEL COLLINS

HAGLER-HAMSHO
World Middleweight Title

ROSEMONT, ILL.—Once upon a time, when Norman Selby heard that someone else was holding himself out to be "Kid McCoy," he announced to one and all bellying up to the bar that he was, indeed, "The Real McCoy," and then proceeded to dispatch the imposter with great haste—and ease.

Now, some 80 years later, another middleweight champion, Marvin Hagler, has detractors and pretenders to his thrown, among them being Mustafa Hamsho, who was called the "Uncrowned Middleweight Champion of the World." At least uncrowned until he met "The Real McCoy," Marvin Hagler, who crowned him but good, proving once and for all that he is real, and deserves a place among the great middleweight champions of all-time.

Marvin won every round prior to stopping Mustafa with a right-left-right combination at 2:09 of the 11th. At least he did on *The Ring* scorecard. I had Hagler winning every round, 10-9, with the exception of the fourth, where I gave him a two-point edge, 10-8. The whole thing had to remind one of Jack London's words about the Johnson-Burns contest of 1908: "Fight? There was no fight!" Hagler had no difficulty hitting Hamsho, but Mustafa couldn't land on the maroon-trunked, shaven-headed ebony-skinned man, who has to be the most adept fighter in the world at blocking punches.

From the first round on, the southpaw Hagler's right jab was in Hamsho's face. Hamsho, also a southpaw, sometimes succeeded in getting Hagler into an exchange. But even when he did, it was the champion's right cross and left uppercut combo that would be the final, and most punishing, calling card.

Hamsho showed himself to be what many of the critics have long felt—a good club fighter who'd be outclassed when he met somebody really good and in peak form. Hagler, 29 and weighing 157, was in peak form, and the bewildered and frustrated Hamsho had no choice but to resort to butting—butting and holding. He couldn't land any punches, and found it difficult to get set with that marvelous right jab in his face.

"All the way, bully head," was the way co-manager Al Braverman sent Hamsho back into the fray at the beginning of the fifth. A smashing left hand from the champion stopped Hamsho in his tracks. Later in the session, Mustafa tried to hook. He landed two, but Marvin blocked the rest. Frustration, frustration.

With all this, one might wonder if there's anyone left for Hagler to fight. Hamsho had been everybody's top contender except for the WBA's, who regarded Chong-Pal Park as the number one challenger. (Funny, I tell you—funny!) Is there anybody left?

Yes. There is one man with the guts to take Hagler's number, but it's doubtful he can make 160 pounds.

That man is Al Braverman. That's right, Hamsho's co-manager. The man has more balls than Rawlings.

(One is reminded of Sonny Liston's last fight, a scheduled 10-rounder in the Jersey City Armory in which a blood-soaked mess named Wepner stood up to him till the fight was halted after nine. When asked if Wepner was the bravest man he'd fought, Liston replied that he wasn't, "but his manager is." Chuck's manager was, you guessed it, Braverman.)

"Look at me," he shouted at his dazed charge, Hamsho, after the fifth session.

"Well?"

"Get off first."

Hamsho walked into a Hagler right jab, but he gave the bullet-headed champ a right hook in return. Hagler shook his head, and then it was back to the familiar pattern: Hagler jab, Hagler jab, Hamsho miss, and Hagler jab.

"He's tiring, Mike," yelled Braverman, as Hamsho worked the champ into a corner. Hagler quickly got away from any possible harm. A hard right cross to the Syrian challenger's face, followed by a Hagler 1-2 and two jabs, closed out the round.

"Get after him," yelled Braverman at the beginning of the seventh. "Move him back and whack him in the body, Mike," called Al as Hamsho took a one-two. "Stick and go."

At the end of that round, referee Octavio Meyran came over to "Mike's " corner and warned the challenger about improper tactics, like using "cranium power" (i.e., butting).

"That c---sucker," exclaimed Braverman, as Meyran walked away. "He's not on our side. You go and fight your fight." As if, of course, the referee should be on Mustafa's side. (Don't ask Al to use impartial logic when he's handling a fighter.)

The eighth round came and went—another Hagler session, although Mike had scored with a three-punch combo as the round drew to a close.

"Don't look there, look at me," yelled Al, but the following ninth session was completely Hagler.

By now, the challenger was bleeding from two cuts, and dousing him with water at the beginning of the 10th did little good. That frame saw Hagler duck and sidestep Hamsho's desperation punches, but the challenger responded well—sticking out his tongue end, just as he'd done at the end of the seventh.

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Meyran took a look at Hamsho's cuts at the end of the session and then went to Hagler's corner. Marvin was bleeding from a cut on his right eyebrow, which he later claimed was due to a butt reopening a cut he'd suffered in his '78 Spectrum (Philly) fight with Bennie Briscoe.

Braverman followed Meyran to the champion's corner, peered over his shoulder, and then ran back to the challenger with cockeyed glee.

"They got a worse cut than you have," Al proclaimed, looking like a low burlesque comedian and Jackie Gleason understudy.

Maybe it was the second appearance of Mustafa's tongue that got to Hagler. Or maybe it was Braverman. I don't know which, although Marvelous Marvin later stated that he wanted to do something about Hamsho's "shitty grin." Anyway, in the 11th session, Hagler went to work.

Jab, jab, right to body, Hamsho miss, a Hagler jab and one-two followed in quick order. A Hamsho right hand seemed to jar Marvin a little, and another right hand seemed to . . .

Then it happened. A terrific Hagler right hand had the challenger defenseless. Another left, a right, and Hamsho, now against the ropes, was taking a terrific pasting.

Finally, as referee Meyran halted the contest, Braverman jumped in. Who says that big Al doesn't have a heart?

The focus now, as Hagler said during a brief post-contest interview, is on a Hagler-Leonard fight for the former's middleweight title. "I'm not gonna wait for him," said Marvin, meaning that he'll defend his crown against all worthy challengers until Leonard gets ready to talk turkey. A nice attitude, but who the hell is there for Hagler to fight? Dwight Davison has not looked good of late, and Frank Fletcher isn't many cuts above an Ernie Singletary.

Well, at least the Hagler-Hamsho contest wasn't the agonizing sleepwalk Weaver-Tillis, which was on the same bill, proved to be.

Good night, Marvin.
Good-bye, Hamsho.
Bye, bye, Braverman.

HERBERT G. GOLDMAN

WEAVER-TILLIS
WBA Heavyweight Title

Very few people across the country knew who heavyweight challenger James (Quick) Tillis was before he fought Mike Weaver for the WBA crown. But for a small oversight by Tillis, they might now know him as the champion.

Tillis, the transplanted Tulsa cowboy fighting in his new hometown of Chicago, made just one mental error against Weaver—he forgot to punch. In front of a crowd of just under 10,000 hometown fans at the Rosemont Horizon Arena just outside Chicago, Tillis mostly ran, but occasionally stopped to fight for 15 uneventful rounds—so uneventful, in fact, that it might have been the only time a fight crowd yelled "*No Mas.*"

Tillis' lack of offense helped a ring-rusty and apparently unmotivated Mike Weaver win a unanimous 15-round decision in defense of his WBA title. All three judges saw it clearly in Weaver's favor, referee Stanley Christodoulou at 146-142, judge Ismael Fernandez at 145-143, and judge Rogelio Perez at 146-142.

The fact that the fight went 15 rounds was perhaps the biggest surprise. And no one was more surprised than Weaver, who found that a 13-month lay-off affected him more than he could ever have imagined. "The lay-off hurt, and I was really rusty," he under-stated after the fight.

Leading up to the bout, the 28-year-old Weaver had given no indication that he would fight such an awkward and lethargic fight. He had fought wars in sparring with talented heavyweight Leroy Caldwell, and appeared ready to deliver on the knockout predictions almost everyone had made.

Tillis, 24, came into the contest with a 20-0 record, a record that was suspect because the toughest opponent he'd faced was journeyman Mike Koranicki. Tillis won that bout on a disputed decision after running out of gas by round seven. Both his stamina and punching power seemed inadequate for a test like Weaver, but his trainer, Angelo Dundee, insisted Tillis could box his way to a title. "He can't bang with Weaver, but he has the style to *beat* a Mike Weaver."

Indeed, in some respects, the Tillis who came into the ring against Weaver at the Horizon was different than the one people had seen before. In excellent condition, Tillis immediately set about his task of sticking and moving for 15 rounds, keeping Weaver off balance and occasionally landing a good right hand lead. The plan worked well against the rusty Weaver, but, despite urging from Dundee in the corner, Tillis simply didn't—or couldn't—punch enough to win many of the early rounds.

Weaver was the aggressor throughout, but seldom put punches together—always, it seemed, looking for the one big knockout punch. He sailed wild left hooks past Tillis' ear several times in those early rounds, and was frustrated for most of the evening. "I never did hit him flush," he would say later. "Tillis was very elusive."

Weaver had built a substantial lead on all three cards by the 10th round, but no one in his corner was happy. He had all but ignored his good long left jab—the punch that could be used to set up the big knockout blow. His manager, Don Manual, spent a frustrating evening. "We knew he could knock Tillis out if he caught him, but he never put his combinations together. He just wasn't himself. It was the lay-off."

Meanwhile, Tillis continued his lateral movement through the 11th round, apparently feeling he was winning the fight on points. Only then did he plant himself several times and fire straight lead right hands at the awkward, on-charging Weaver. That move paid dividends in the 12th when he shook Weaver with a right as he came in. But, still wary of the Weaver power, he never followed up his advantage.

Weaver came back to win rounds 13 and 14 on all the cards, largely due to a thunderous body attack. In the 14th, Tillis flirted with the same disaster which befell John Tate when he tried to hook with Mike. Twice they traded left hooks, with neither of Weaver's landing flush. Tillis quickly returned to his stink-and-move tactics.

At this point, Tillis would say later, he was convinced he had the fight won. "I was boxing and building up points. I thought I was hitting him two or three punches to one. He never hurt me and I was counterpunching good." Apparently, it was not enough in the officials' eyes, although he did come back to win the last round on two of the three cards with an exhausted Weaver staggering around the ring throwing wild punches. Tillis, too, was fatigued, sucking wind through his black mouthpiece and taking on the appearance of Darth Vadar.

Like most boxing observers, Walker thought Tillis would tire after seven or eight rounds. "My plan was to get him after he tired out, but he had better stamina than I thought. He's a better fighter than people said he was," said Mike.

So, Weaver ran his record to 24-9 and retained his title, while Tillis tasted his first defeat. He now stands at 20-1.

Tillis ran his track meet and boxed some, but not enough. Angelo Dundee said, "I'm standing tall with this kid. He has nothing to be ashamed of." Indeed, Tillis had confounded the experts by ending the fight still erect; but had confounded his supporters by never really fighting enough to show he wanted the title. Tillis vowed, "I'll be back," and he may have shown enough skills against Weaver to make that prediction come true.

Weaver said he learned an important lesson about long lay-offs and promised to fight again within three months, before taking on the winner of the Larry

Holmes-Gerry Cooney fight. But for Tillis' lack of aggression at key points in this fight, it could have been a very expensive lesson for Mike. He left Chicago with his pride dented, but his championship belt around his waist.

But, for those 1,000 fans who "uncrowded" the Horizon, it had been an evening of bores and snores. Or, as one ringside wag put it, "(Bob) Arum could have made a fortune if he had just let everyone in free and charged them to get out."

Mario Maldonado, 159, Vineland, New Jersey, TKO'd Joaquin (El Petrolero) Macias, also 159,Mexico City, at 2:39 of the first round in a scheduled 10. Nate Morgan, referee. Maldonado decked Macias twice.

John (Dino) Denis, 212, Attleboro, Mass., won a unanimous decision over Henry Porter, 198, St. Louis, eight. Stanley Berg, referee.

Alfonso Ratliff, 196, Chicago, TKO'd Vernon Johnston, 221, Beaumont, Texas, at 1:14 of the second in their scheduled eight-rounder. Stanley Berg, referee.

Lee Roy Murphy, 178, Chicago, won a majority decision over elongated Elvis Parks, 172, Chicago, in a six-round war that saw the loser on the deck twice in the first round and the winner floored in the third by a right. Nate Morgan, referee.

Lenny LaPaglia, 166, Chicago, knocked out Steve Wetzel, 164-½, Milwaukee, in 1:54 of the first round in a scheduled four. Nate Morgan, referee.

Timekeeper—Al Tremari. (Mike Murphy was the timer for the Hagler-Hamsho contest only.)

Knockdown Timer—Kenny Kinch.

Prelim Judges—James DiVito, Gerald Hults.

Ringside Physicians—Glenn Bynum, Jorge Tovar.

Announcer—Ben Bentley.

Promoter—Top Tank, Inc.

(10-03-81)

AL BERNSTEIN

CAMEL-ALI
USBA Cruiserweight Title

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.—Marvin Camel, the former World Boxing Council cruiserweight champion, won a unanimous 12-round decision over Nigerian Bash Ali to gain a rematch against current titleholder Carlos DeLeon.

So seldom has so small an audience watched two men fight for an opportunity at so vaguely important a title. The bout was put together on short notice and few of the less than 600 hastily assembled paying customers in the enormous Cow Palace gave a hoot or knew a whit about the year-and-a-half old WBC cruiserweight division (190 pound limit), or the United States Boxing Association title, which Oakland resident Bash Ali lost to the former world champion. For some reason, a cable network paid for TV rights to the elimination bout.

The winner did just enough to earn the unanimous decision. Camel is a thick-bodied 30-year-old, half Indian and black, and a professional fighter for more than nine years. Judge Rudy Ortega scored it 115-114, judge Jack Downey had it 115-111, and referee Jack Campbell 115-113, all for the soft-hitting southpaw from Missoula, Montana. There were no knockdowns, though, in the 11th, Ali landed a series of unanswered head shots that appeared to have Camel set up for a knockout. Camel stumbled and reeled. His legs wobbled. The small crowd screamed. But, when Ali rushed in, he could not finish off his opponent.

In the early rounds, Camel moved well and used a right jab to keep the more oppressive Ali off balance. Only on rare occasions did the former champion throw a left hook. Camel, 185, was strong, and, though too programmed as a boxer, his edge in experience clearly showed. At times, he easily tied Ali up in his long arms.

Ali, a one-time professional wrestler in Nigeria, pressed the action throughout, and although this was very gutsy, it was probably also a serious mistake. Using his basic natural skills, the 25-year-old Ali could have set a less frantic tempo, moved more, besides forward, and tried to counter his taller, slower opponent. Instead, Ali went for the knockout from the start. But the one-time film student at UC Berkeley should have taken a careful look at his own record. Ali is not a knockout puncher. And if he had taken a look at Camel's boxing record, he'd have seen that, in some 45 fights, Camel has only been stopped once, that due to an eye cut. Five years ago, Camel won and lost to Matt Franklin by decision.

"Ali gave me a good fight," Camel said in his dressing room. "I did not think he would be as tough as he was. It was one of my hardest fights. But I am determined. I want the world title, my championship, more now than two years ago. I will not give up without it. The desire is still there."

In the 12th, Camel received a deep gash near his left eye and the injury may delay the promised November challenge to champion DeLeon. Camel recently signed a one-year contract with promoter Don King. Almost a year ago, Puerto Rican DeLeon won the title from Camel by decision and since then he has not had a fight. Yet WBC rules state a champion must defend within six months or lose his title!

Ali, who had a string of 10 victories ended, was dejected following the bout. "I'm still a young man," he said, without a smile, "this isn't the end for me. It was a close fight. Next time it'll be different."

Camel pushed his record to 40-3-2 with 16 knockouts. Ali is now 14-7, but many of his early losses came when he was overmatched against established 10-round fighters. Part of it was his own decision. He wanted to keep busy, and he took tough fights from the start.

In March, 1980, Camel became the first cruiserweight titleholder by beating Matevick Parlov in Las Vegas. The new division, although not recognized by the rival WBA, is a necessary and logical improvement, and yet it remains obscure to all but the diehard fight fan. The average weight seperating the top heavyweights from light heavies is approximately 40 pounds, which is a hell of a gap. Think about Sean O'Grady taking on Eddie Mustafa Muhammad. Or Lupe Pintor making a move up in weight and challenging middleweight Marvin Hagler for his title.

The boxing world should wake up and accept the need for this division. Eventually, when television gives coverage to its title bouts, it will gain credibility.

Oakland middleweight Erwin Williams rewon the California 160-pound title with an 11th round stoppage of James Waire. Both men weighted 160. Waire, from Los Angeles, had held Williams to a draw two years ago. This time, he received a complete drubbing from the third round on.

Referee Rudy Ortega halted the fight at 0:26 of the 11th after Williams had turned Waire into a worn-out, battered figure who didn't know where he was.

CHRISTOPHER COATS

KIM-LOPEZ
WBA Junior Flyweight Title

TAEJON, KOREA—WBA junior flyweight champion Hwan Jin-Kim, 107½, Korea, retained his throne with a majority decision over veteran Alfonso Lopez, 107¼, Panama, after 15 monotonous rounds of boxing at Chungmu Gymnasium. It was Kim's first title defense.

Referee Waldemar Schmidt (Puerto Rico) and judge Richard Steele (U.S.) tabbed the lacklustre affair 145-144 and 145-142, respectively, for the 5'1" champion. Judge Tony Perez (U.S.) scored the bout a draw, 143-143.

The 26-year-old Kim would have lost his title had he not attacked the fading Lopez in the last three sessions. Lopez, 28, the former WBA flyweight champ, was ahead on points thanks to his superior ring generalship in the first half. But he tired in the later rounds, allowing Kim to come on strong and win.

Neither man was in top form. Kim was far from the form he showed in stopping Pedro Flores to win the WBA 108-pound title, and the 5'3" Lopez wasn't as sharp—in either punching or mobility as he had been when capturing the WBA flyweight crown by halting Filipino Erbito Salavarria in the 15th round in February, 1976.

They felt each other out in the first session, and Lopez took the following two cantos with a few light jabs. Kim led with left hooks, and he missed his moving target perfectly.

Kim won the fourth round on aggressiveness, but Lopez took the next frame with a number of sharp jabs. The sixth round saw them fight on even terms, as neither man landed good punches.

Kim took the seventh by a narrow margin with wide left hooks and wild looking rights that did but little damage. The eighth frame was also close, but Lopez had the edge due to occasional left jabs and straight right hands that he threw at the "Little Tarzan."

The ninth and 10th rounds

were taken by Kim, who tried to overwhelm the crafty but less powerful Lopez with fast combinations. Lopez averted most of the champ's rallies, but he lost the session.

Kim also took the 11th. He just kept boring in to get inside of Lopez, and the Panamanian veteran spent the entire round on the defense. He looked like he was getting tired.

Lopez won the 12th round, throwing more effective punches at the champ, who was wide open. Two of the official cards had Lopez leading after that frame. Referee Schmidt had it 116-115 and judge Perez carded 113-111. Judge Steele had it 116-114, Kim.

Hwan-Jin knew how close it was, and chased the Panamanian from pillar to post in the 13th. His lefts and rights had Lopez reeling to the ropes on more than one occasion.

Kim also won the 14th frame, but the Korean champ was also showing signs of weariness. He lacked the usual snap in his punches.

The 15th round was about even. Both men were tired, and they clinched between their ineffective—and often inaccurate—rallies.

This might have been the worst world title bout ever seen in Korea. Lopez appears finished as a serious contender.

Kim is now 20-0-2 with eight kayoes. Lopez is 36-10-1.

Owing to the option held by Yoko Gushiken's manager, Masaki Kanehira, Kim is to meet Japanese speedster Katsuo Tokashiki in his second defense, either in Japan or in Korea. Judging from his performance against Lopez, Kim will have to "hone his fists" to beat the light punching but fresh Tokashiki, who decisioned OPBF champ Yong-Hyun Kim in a non-title bout in Tokyo on June 2.

(10-11-81)

JOE Y. KOIZUMI

BUMPHUS-RODRIGUEZ
USBA Junior Welterweight Title

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J.—Johnny Bumphus became the first of Top Rank's Tomorrow's Champions to bear titular fruit—of a national variety, anyway—when he captured the USBA junior welterweight crown from holder Willie (Fireball) Rodriguez with a 12-round unanimous decision.

The match, televised live over NBC from the Sands Hotel Casino, answered some questions about Bumphus' potential and raised others. The talented southpaw displayed excellent stamina and a resolute disposition in the face of his first arduous assignment, but was found lacking in several other departments.

He missed badly with his lead right early and had problems throughout the afternoon finishing off combinations. It was also rather surprising to see Bumphus absorb more punishment in this bout than in all his previous outings put together. Johnny's "Bump City" nickname took on an added dimension when Rodriguez raised a swelling around his right eye and bloodied his nose. He was, in fact, lucky that Willie is not that much of a puncher. (Neither, for that matter, is Bumphus.)

Rodriguez, on a good run of late, with stoppage wins over Mark Ibanez and Johnny Lira, looked on his way to an upset the first half of the fight. He connected frequently with sharp rights to Bumphus' face and also hooked well to the body. Willie ducked under and around most of Bumphus' offerings and generally seemed in charge until he ran out of steam following a brisk punchout in the sixth.

It was as if the effort of going punch-for-punch in the sixth had drained Willie and rejuvenated Bumphus. From then on, Johnny dominated. He finally found the range for his educated right, keeping busy while Rodriguez lay back and did little.

There was a good exchange in the 10th, but Bumphus, 139½, never relinquished command. He opened a cut over Rodriguez's right eye in the 11th and closed well in the 12th when both tried for a grandstand finish.

It had been a fairly entertaining contest and somewhat of an education for Bumphus. He had breezed in his first 11 starts (eight early endings) and needed a rugged match such as this to season his game. The jury is still out on Johnny's ultimate worth. He passed his first serious test, and although we can't give him an A grade, a B+ seems a fair assessment.

Rodriguez, 140, lost the title after five successful defenses. If he had fought the last six rounds as well as he had fought the first, he would still have his belt. Willie drops to 26-8 (only nine kayoes) and proved once again, as he did against Sugar Ray Leonard in 1977, that he is a rugged test for any up-and-comer.

Referee Arthur Mercante had Bumphus ahead, 7-5 in rounds. Judges Harold Lederman and Charles Spina agreed with scores of 8-3-1 and 8-4, respectively.

A trio of eights made up the skimpy undercard. All were decent fights, but failed to create much excitement.

In the best of three, Herb Darity, 140, Hartford, Conn., edged by Arseno Green, 139, Allentown, Pa., via a split decision in a fight that could have been called either way.

Davey Moore, 152¾, New York City, had a tough workout before stopping Mike Herron, 153, Cherry Hill, N.J., at the end of the seventh round. Mike was cut over the left eye and didn't answer the bell for the eighth.

Kenny Mitchell, 120, New York City, decisioned Angel Marrero, 120¾, Bethlehem, Pa., in the opener.

Alternate referee—Frank Capcino.
Promoter—Top Ranks, Inc.
Attendance—650 (estimate).

(10-31-81)

NIGEL COLLINS

GANIGAN-O'GRADY
WAA Lightweight Title

LITTLE ROCK, ARK.—Well, you see, folks, it was like this. Pat O'Grady had this kid named Sean—a nice boy, you understand, always minded his manners and stayed away from girls between fights. Well, Sean won the WBA lightweight title, but then the WBA tried to make him fight Claude Noel. Pat, that's his father, didn't like that very much, so he said, "Go ahead"—or somethin' that sounded like that—when the WBA threatened to strip Sean boy of their title, and formed his *own* association to recognize his son as the world's champ. It was called the World Athletic Association—WAA for short—and the folks down in Oklahoma thought that it was more fun than goin' to the Greyhound Bus Station on Saturday nights to see if they spelled the name on the sides of the bus right.

The first title fight Pat—I mean the WAA—sanctioned was Sean's scheduled 15-rounder with Howard Davis, Jr. But wouldn't you just *know* that Davis would hurt himself in training and that Pat—I mean, the WAA—would have to dig up a fast sub? Turned out the only man that they could get was this Hawaiian fella name of Ganigan—Andy Ganigan, which doesn't sound Hawaiian, but you never can tell these days. (Ain't that right, pa?)

Ganigan's a southpaw, but he'd lost a few fights—even got himself kayoed by Johnny Lira—and Pat didn't expect him to give Sean too much to worry over. 'Sides that, Ganigan had knocked down that Mexican fella, Rodolfo "Gato" (that's Spanish, means "cat") Gonzalez, that everybody was so gaga over, and only lost a split decision. Andy was also rated second by the WBA—whatever that means—so the fight wasn't that hard to sell to CBS, even though they *were* lookin' forward to havin' Sean fight Howard Davis. Sean bein' a commentator for 'em didn't hurt none, neither.

Ganigan was all prepared for the fight, 'cause he'd been scheduled to fight this guy, you know, Arturo Leon. (Of course, he called that one off fast when we asked him to fight Sean for the WAA ball o' wax.) Well, when Andy entered the ring at the Convention Center in Little Rock, I wasn't worried. The man was only 5'7", and I didn't figure he'd get near enough to Sean to upset the ol' applecart.

But then, that there bell rang, and Ganigan, he made trouble. He's a southpaw, see, and Sean had spent his time gettin' ready for Howard Davis. So, when Andy started in to be aggressive—like that other boy out of Hawaii, Rolando Navarette, did against Cornelius Boza-Edwards—Sean just wasn't pre-pared. Ganigan connected with a good left before the round was even a minute old, and then landed

with a nice left uppercut. Sean fought back with some flurries, but another good punch from Andy—a right, wouldn't you know it—won the round for him. The challenger, I mean.

But then Andy started bein' even more aggressive in the second, landin' a nice left, and then a big left-right-left combo that put Pat's boy down. But hard. Sean was hurt—I mean, most anyone could see that. But he got up and tried to go on the defensive. Andy wouldn't have none of that, though, and sent Sean down on the lowest rope with another left-right combination. The referee, Larry Hazzard, he called it a knockdown, which was doubly right, since we'd agreed on callin' a fighter hangin' on the ropes a knockdown even 'fore the contest started.

Well, it's not like Sean didn't fight back *some.* He caught Andy with a right as he came in and sent home a nice combo. Ganigan, though, why I gotta admit he's a brave man. He nailed Sean again with a left-right-left flurry, and a short left hand to the body put the boy down for the third—and final—time. Three knockdowns in a round—that's what we'd agreed on—and the fight was over.

Well, sir, I just don't know what Pat's gonna do from here. Probably disband the WAA. I don't see no reason for it if Sean ain't the Champ. Can you imagine Andy callin' up and askin' Pat who his next defense'll be against?

Hang, Pat'd hang right up—unless he could marry Andy off to another one of his daughters.

(10-31-81)

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AMATEUR RATINGS

BOXER OF THE MONTH: Welterweight Louis Howard of University City, Mo., for gaining a berth on the North American World Cup team with a win in the finals over 1980 Olympic gold medalist Andres Aldama of Cuba.

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RINGS AROUND THE WORLD

NORTH AMERICA

UNITED STATES

CONNECTICUT

▲ **HARTFORD—Civic Center Coliseum—**Herb Darity, 138, Hartford, rallied from a pair of knockdowns to win a majority decision over Toni Taylor, 140, Indianapolis, eight.

Referee Lou Bogash and judge Bob Muravnick both gave Darity the edge by two points on the five-point must scoring system. Judge Sam Maltempo called the bout a draw. Many hooted the decision, which gave Herb his ninth win in 10 bouts.

Louis Ivincula, 140, New York, halted Marcus Starks, also 140, Hartford, at 1:42 of the eighth and final round. Sal Maltempo, referee.

Ken Schmidt, 205, Hamden, stopped Curtis Whitner, 200, Boston, via the three-knockdown rule in the second round. Schmidt is now 12-1 with 10 kayoes.

Julio DeJesus, 124, Holyoke, TKO'd Patrick Donnell, 126, New York, in the second.

Timekeeper—Lou Dell.

Announcer—Bob Steele.

Attendance—8,239. Gross—$212,680 (Leonard Hearns CC).

(09-16-81)

JOSEPH CASSANO

FLORIDA

▲ **HIALEAH—Milander Auditorium—**Ken Whetstone, 157, Homestead, easily TKO'd A. W. Muhammad, 152½, Miami, at 2:59 of the fifth round in the scheduled eight-round main event. A knockdown just before the finish was the clincher.

Steve Whetstone, 112, Ken's popular kid brother, won a shutout unanimous decision over southpaw Jerry Coolidge, 119, Miami Beach, in six fast rounds.

Emilio Diaz, 137, Miami halted Artie Johnson, also 137, Ft. Lauderdale, at 2:37 of the fifth round in their scheduled six. Former middleweight contender Florentino Fernandez was in Diaz's corner.

Eladio Leal, 140, Miami, TKO'd Jose Vasquez, 147, Dominican Republic, at 2:20 of the first round in a scheduled six.

Danny Sanchez, 139, Homestead, knocked out Cliff Eaddy, 131, Homestead, in 2:31 of the first round in the opening four.

Promoters—Chris Dundee, Tommy Torino, and Roger Pinckney.

(09-19-81)

▲ **MIAMI BEACH—Convention Center—**Rafael Solis, 130, Puerto Rico, TKO'd Jesus Zimmerman, 132, Curacao, at 2:12 of the third round in a scheduled 12 between two southpaws. Solis came out winging in the first round, knocked down his opponent twice in round two, and floored him three times in the third frame for the stoppage.

Pedro Laza, 135, Cuba, scored one of the big upsets of the year by flattening Florida State lightweight champ Anthony Collins, also 135, Miami, with a terrific right shot to the chin in 2:05 of the second round. This was Laza's seventh straight win since his pro debut, and Collins' first loss in 12 contests.

Johnny Torres knocked out Cuban favorite Isidoro Moreno in 1:15 of the fourth round in their rematch. Referee Bill Conners stopped proceedings after Torres had floored Moreno in the third with a left hook and was belting him around the ring in the fourth.

ILLINOIS

▲ **QUINCY—College Gymnasium—**Bob Zessin, 126, Farmington, Illinois, won a unanimous decision over Ray McDermott, 134½, Omaha, Nebraska, in the eight-round main event. It was a terrific fight, with both men sustaining cuts.

Six-rounders: William Hosea, 205, Bloomington, Illinois, TKO'd Billy Joe Thomas, 210, Rondo, Arkansas, in the second session. Steve W. Williams, 159½, Chicago, TKO'd Steve Johnson, also 159½, Omaha, in the second. Francis Sargent, 175, Peoria, made his pro debut by knocking out George Gofortz, 177, St. Louis, in the fourth round. Jeff Madison, 165, St. Louis, TKO'd Frank Baily, 163, Omaha, in the fourth. Madison was very sharp, while Baily took a beating but kept coming.

Gofortz and Thomas have been permanently retired in Illinois by the State Athletic Board.

Referees—Ed Moynihan, Ed Stage.

Judges—Sonny Duncan, Charles Finch.

Timekeeper—Diane Dickerson.

Promotor—Don Zessin.

Attendance—301.

(10-10-81)

Julian Jackson, 152, Virgin Islands, kayoed Dario De Asa, 155, Dominican Republic, in 2:34 of the third round in an upset. It was scheduled for eight.

Danny Jackson, 183¼, Puerto Rico, TKO'd Ron Harry, 185, Orlando, at 2:03 of the third round in a sixer.

Raul Hernandez, 148, Cuba, kayoed Pete Scanduzzo, 145, New York, in 2:40 of the second in their scheduled six.

Ivan Torres, 153, Puerto Rico, scored a TKO at 2:45 of the second in the four-round opener.

Promoter—Felix Zabala.

Attendance—1,150.

(09-26-81)

▲ **FT. LAUDERDALE—Memorial Auditorium—**Pat Cuillo, 187½, Buffalo, in his first comeback attempt after being out of the ring for two years, won a unanimous decision over Tony Severance, 190, Gainsville, 10. Cuillo is now 18-4-2. The bout was for the Florida State cruiserweight title. Cuillo is trained by Angelo Dundee.

Reiner Hartmann, 223, Germany, knocked out Bobby Dade, 202½, Miami, in 1:38 of the first round. Referee Bernie Soto stopped the slaughter.

Willie Wiggins, 146½, Ft. Lauderdale, won a split decision over Raul Hernandez, 142, Cuba, four. The verdict was booed loudly.

Ray Dennis, 133, Ft. Lauderdale, TKO'd Gavian Gonzalez, 128½, Miami, at 1:55 of the third round in their scheduled four.

Willie Telfar, 151, Miami, won a split decision over Jean Pierre Dawe, 150, Canada, in a four-round slugfest. This was the best fight of the night, and had the crowd standing throughout.

Juan Arroya, 135, Miami, TKO'd Willie Jenkins, 136, Miami, at 1:40 of the first.

Buck Robinson, 160, Miami, halted Buddy Gilbert, 154, Miami, who couldn't come out for the second round. Buck is now unbeaten in six contests.

Promoters—Hank Kaplan and Ramiro Ortiz; Pugilistic Promotions.

Attendance—1,250.

(09-30-81)

LOUIS ZIPKIN

INDIANA

▲ **INDIANAPOLIS—Tyndall Armory—**Marion (Tiger) Thomas, 140, Indianapolis, TKO'd Danny Myers, 144, Muncie, at 2:15 of the ninth round to retain his Indiana State light welterweight crown. Thomas floored his opponent in the third frame and again in the ninth session. Marion, in fact, scored well throughout the scheduled 12-rounder, picking off or slipping most of the blows thrown by the hard hitting Myers.

James Douglas, 220, Columbus, Ohio, TKO'd Tommy Stevenson, 200, Indianapolis, at 2:56 of round five in an upset.

Ric Enis, 185, Union City, Indiana, knocked out Darnell Hayes, 180, Columbus, in 1:12 of the first canto.

Sylvester Price, 128, Muncie, won a unanimous decision over Tony Gray, 128, Indianapolis, four. The slam-bang affair was Gray's first pro bout. He impressed against the stronger, more experienced Sylvester.

James Black, 133, Indianapolis, made his pro debut by winning a unanimous decision over Jerry Coolidge, 130, Omaha, four. All three cards read 40-37.

Mike Pollitt, 152, New Lisbon, Indiana, kayoed Kenny Willis, 148, Indianapolis, in 2:55 of round two. Pollitt is now 5-0. Willis is 0-3.

Middleweights Sammy NeSmith and Burgess Scruggs boxed a three-round exhibition.

Promotor—Fred Berns.

Matchmaker—Pete Susens.

Attendance—1,100 (est.).

Gross—$10,000 (est.).

(10-14-81)

▲ **NOTES—**Tom Catterson has been appointed chairman of the Indiana Athletic Commission, replacing Richard Bossung, whose term expired. Catterson has been active in boxing since 1955, and is a licensed boxing judge.

GARY L. MERRITT

MICHIGAN

▲ **SAGINAW—Saganaw Civic Center—**Art Dore treated the fans to three bouts of professional boxing as an addition to his third Annual Saginaw Valley Toughman Tournament this year. Because of the reinstatement by the Michigan Athletic Board of Control of Rule 83, which prohibits boxing contestants from participating in more than one bout in a 48-hour period, it was thought that the Toughman contests would be eliminated. This move by the board was appealed in court and was upheld. Thus the promoters simply moved the first day of competition up one day, giving them a 48 hour break between the second round of bouts and allowing them to continue. The winners on the second night were invited to some kind of regionals and the gap left by the lack of bouts was filled in with professional boxing.

The event that marked these three bouts was the return to the ring of Bay City's undefeated light heavyweight Felton Woods, 174, for the first time since he injured his hand this Spring pounding out a victory over Otis Gordon. Woods showed both that he is a very good looking prospect and that his hand has healed well as the southpaw made short work of the 173-pound Rodney Coupe of Cincinnati, stopping him in the second round. Woods now has a record of 17-0 and I would not be surprised at seeing him in the rankings in the future.

The other two pro contests had the seven-foot, 300-pound Mike "The Giant" White drop his opponent, Johnny Clark, of Columbus, Ohio for a one round knockout and bring his record to 10-1; while Lansing's fine looking Martin Pierce, 165, made his record 3-1 with a two-round knockout over Kevin Straughter, 161, Cincinnati.

(09-26-81)

▲ **DETROIT—Cobo Hall—**The Down River Boxing Club put on a fine show but, with the pulling out of former ranked fighter Len "Stinger" Hutchins in the main event, there was a small turnout. His fill-in, Willie Crawford, 177, Columbus, Ohio lasted only 1:20 of the first round before he was put down for the count by the rapidly improving, 7-0, power-punching Willie Edward, 177, Detroit, Michigan. In the co-feature bout, Young Louis, 210, Detroit, made it 12-1 with a powerful overhand right at 2:58 of the ninth stanza to knock out Tim Johnson, 179, Columbus.

Alex Byrd, 136, ran his record to 6-0 with a very close six-round split decision over Sam Gervin, 140, Columbus. Byrd dropped Gervin in the fourth and that proved to be the deciding factor in the very tight decision of a well fought bout.

From Toronto, Dennie Marshall, 161, filled in for his stablemate, Bobby Bland, and pounded out a six-round unanimous decision over James Leftwich, 159, Columbus. Bland had been scheduled to fight, but he won a solid victory up in Toronto earlier that week over Leon Barber and received a small cut in the process. It was felt he should not fight until it heals more.

Rough little Ricky Davis, 148, Columbus, who reeks havoc whenever he fights in Michigan, was at it again. This time, he upset local favorite Khaliq Muhammad, 148, Detroit, and scored a six-round TKO when Muhammad could not answer the bell. Also scoring an upset victory from Columbus was Philip Brown, 178, who won an eight-round split decision over previously undefeated Tony (The Fighting Schoolteacher) Anthony. Anthony drops to 7-1.

Detroiter Robert West, 156, stopped Earl Caldwell, 160, Columbus, at 1:48 of the third round to bring his record to 4-1. Jeff Whaley, 106, Detroit, who was set to make his pro debut, drew two snags in his fight. First, he sprained his ankle earlier in the gym, and then his opponent did not show.

(10-03-81)

▲ **DETROIT—Cobo Hall—**Simone Promotions once again gave the fans a very good evening of boxing. Bernard (Superbad) Mays, 160, Detroit, showed why he is rated #15 by *Ring* as he clobbered former junior middle weight champ Oscar (Shotgun) Albarado, 163, Ft. Worth, Texas, and stopped him at 0:58 of the ninth. Mays won every round and pummeled Albardo right up until the ninth round, when he dropped him with a big right hand. Mays looked outstanding, and is now 19-0.

And if Mays looked outstanding, Greg (Candy Man) Coverson looked like the next lightweight champion with his stoppage of Ramon Ochoa, 134, Chicago. His speed, both hand and foot, and tremendous repertoire of punches amazed both the crowd and Ochoa. A left hook-right hand dropped Ochoa in the second and, in the fourth, he brought the place to its feet by corning Ochoa on the ropes and landing a five-shot combination. Then taking one step back and letting Ochoa off the ropes, Coverson hit him with a grease lightning nine-shot combo—and every one landed. The Candy Man took every round, and in the eighth put the helpless Ochoa down with a crushing right hand. Coverson, 135, is now 25-0, and only a year ago no one thought he would ever fight again because of his hand injury. What a comeback!

Dean Ferguson, 156, Windsor, Ontario, made it 5-0 when he stopped James Leftwich, 161, Columbus, at 1:34 of the second. Phillip Brown, 174, a southpaw out of Columbus,

handed Lem McLittle his first defeat with an eight-round split decision victory. McLittle, 177, now drops to 11-1.

Danny (Mad Dog) Paul, 148, Detroit, won his 17th bout in 18 outings, using his constant swarming techniques to batter Carlos (Rico) Gonzales, 136, Chicago, for 1:12 of the opening round before the bout was stopped.

Making his pro debut on the card was the young Jeff (Honey Boy) Whaley, 113, now fighting out of Detroit with Billy Gutz, who also manages Coverson and Paul. Looks like Gutz has another outstanding prospect, as Whaley won his first, stopping Abel Macias, 117, Chicago, at 1:56 of the fourth round. Whaley showed quick hands, good head movement, and excellent boxing ability, dropping Macias in the first and again in the fourth to win via TKO.

In the only heavyweight bout on the card, George Graham, 204, Ft. Worth, Texas, won on a second round disqualification over Young Louis, 208, Detroit. Louis dropped Graham with a right, then, in the heat of the action, stepped around and hit Graham in the back of the head as Graham was down on one knee. Graham cound not continue the contest, so the referee, Hugh Smithers, disqualified Louis and awarded the decision to Graham. Louis afterwards said that he had not known that Graham had dropped all the way down, and there will more than likely be a rematch. Graham is now 10-0 and Louis 12-2.
(10-14-81)

DAVE HARTOON

NEW JERSEY

▲ **ATLANTIC CITY—Sands Hotel Casino—**Former WBA heavyweight king John Tate lumbered to a seventh round TKO over Barry Funches, keeping alive his dream of regaining his lost crown. The emphasis here is on *dream*. Based on his current form and well documented china chin, "Big John" is wasting his time. At 240 pounds, he looked overweight, slow and devoid of even rudimentary boxing skills. Nevertheless, it was win number three on Tate's latest comeback, and he didn't seem discouraged by his less-than-impressive showing.

"Most people expect me to come out and perform the way they've seen me perform in the past when I was champion," explained Tate. "They don't realize that the long lay-off hurt me."

The opponent here was just the ticket. Known as "The Fighting Postman," Funches would be better off licking stamps than trying to lick a guy 40 pounds bigger than himself. Weight in itself is not everything, but Barry lacks the punch or ability to overcome such a large disparity.

Tate featured great sound effects. Everytime he threw a punch he made a noise. "Chew-Chew" hissed John, as he labored to tag Funches with a solid shot. Maybe he wanted to huff, puff and blow his man down(?).

The first really telling punches came in the seventh and final session. Funches, New York City, connected with a clean right, followed by a stiff uppercut from the same side. Tate wobbled a bit and several fans yelled: "There he goes," in rememberance of John's knockout losses to Mike Weaver and Trevor Berbick.

Tate recovered quickly and stepped up his attack. Several rights found Funches' head and then a left hook clipped him as he backed away. Another good right over the top put Funches down near the ropes. He was obviously hurt and, although he beat referee Paul Venti's count, the contest was terminated then and there. Time: 2:59.

"He had that faraway look; I had to stop it," said Venti. Fair enough, nobody was arguing anyway.

Tate, now 23-2, 19 stoppages, wants to fight on a monthly basis for a while before tackling anyone of note. Sounds like a good idea. At this point, he would be taking his life in his hands going up against anything but club fighters.

"Six million people saw me on TV tonight (the show was carried over the ESPN cable) and know I'm capable of winning the world championship," insisted John. Oh well, sometimes dreams come true. Tate is such a nice guy you can only hope for the best for him.

In another scheduled 10-rounder, Philly's Kevin Howard won a majority decision over lefty Robert Sawyer, Washington, D.C.

Howard, who had dropped two of his last three fights—both to Roger Stafford—had a difficult time-with the relatively inexperienced Sawyer. Kevin absorbed plenty of stinging counters as he moved in and suffered lumps around both eyes.

It was an even fight going into the last two rounds when Howard, 149½, pressured Sawyer, also 149½, into the ropes and scored with rights to the head and hooks to the body.

Howard garnered two votes, 5-4-1 and 5-3-2, while the third was a 4-4-1 stalemate.

Bernard Taylor, 127½, Knoxville, Tenn., suffered a gash over his right eye in the second probably a butt, but boxed his way to a unanimous eight-round decision over Alberto Collazo.

Taylor is a pretty boxer with fast hands and a load of talent. He seems, however, to lack a big punch. He hit Collazo at will but never hurt the rock-jawed Puerto Rican from Pittsburgh.

Collazo, 128¼, landed a few when Taylor stood and traded, but overall he spent most of the fight fanning the air and eating leather. Taylor is called the "BT Express," but there were times he looked more like a local.

Ken "Bang Bang" Bogner, 134½, scored a TKO over Jose Banquera, 133¾, New York City, at 0:49 of the fourth in a scheduled eight. Banquera, who looked like an out of shape featherweight, was a sitting duck for most of Bogner's blows and went down from a flurry just before referee Joe Cortez called a halt.

Mark McPherson, 149, N.Y.C., TKO'd William Osborne, 147½, Phila., at 1:15 of the first and Rodney Watts, 136½, Staten Island, N.Y., drew over four with Maurice Sallacon, 135, Washington, D.C.

Referees—Paul Venti and Joe Cortez.
Judges—Rudy Battle and Milo Savage.
Promoter—Top Rank, Inc.
Attendance—900 (estimate).
(10-15-81)

NIGEL COLLINS

▲ **TOTOWA—Ice World—**Bobby (Chappie) Czyz, 161, Wanaque, New Jersey, TKO'd Dan Snyder, 161, Darby, Pa., at 2:22 of the second. Bobby dropped Dan with a left hook, and then, after a second knockdown, tore into his opponent and floored him with a flurry of punches for a third. The ref then ended the event. Dan, a southpaw, boxed well in the first round, but Bobby had too much power and speed of hand. Czyz is now 15-0 with 12 kayoes.

Vito Maselli, 141, Elizabeth, TKO'd Chris Harmon, 140, Philadelphia, in two.

Antonio Nieves, 126, Paterson, TKO'd Dennis Howard, 128, Philly, at 2:59 of round three.

Patsy Basciano, 173, Hoboken, and Billy Saunders, 174, Vineland, drew, four.

Mario Maldonado, 152, Vineland, TKO'd Richard House, 151, St. Louis, at 1:23 of the fourth round.

Livingston Bramble, 136, Passaic, outscored Alejandro Arias, also 136, New York, eight.

James Green, 158, Irvington, New Jersey, kayoed experienced Bobby Paterson, 157, Paterson, in 1:11 of round two.

Referee—Larry Hazzard, Arthur Mercante.
Judges—Frank Brunette, Bill Kostrob.
Promoter—Dan Duva.
Randy Gordon and Sal Marchiano handled the TV commentary for ESPN.
(10-08-81)

S.M. FELDMAN

▲ **MERCERVILLE—New Jersey State Fairgrounds—**The Capitol City Boxing Club, a new promotional outfit (ex-pro William "Bucky" Leggett), ran a small club show in connection with the New Jersey State Fair, just outside of Trenton. An unseasonably cold night at this outdoor location kept the crowd down to about 600 with a gate around $4,000. The bouts were brief, but action packed—although the show was spoiled by the inevitable rotten decision.

Terry (Slim) McCoy, 138, Trenton, was given a hometown gift when his six-rounder with Jorge Nina, 139, Paterson, was declared a draw. Nina's rough house attack overwhelemed Slim, knocking him down in the fourth round and having him in trouble in the sixth. Referee Milo Savage (McCoy) and judge Bill Hoogland (draw) blew the decision, with judge Frank Brunette calling it for Nina.

Emilio Rodriguez, 122, Paterson, TKO'd Larry Akins, 122, Trenton, at 2:50 of the first round.

Wally Thomas, 142, Trenton, a bright prospect, halted Calvin Mason, 140½, Paterson, at 2:29 of the first. The tough Mason was not floored, but referee Ronnie Burns felt he was taking too much punishment.

Bernie "Beginthe" Begin, 165, Trenton, TKO'd Jack Brown, 160, Philadelphia, at 1:59 of the second.

Paul (The Greek) Stavrides, 142, New Brunswick, TKO'd Lloyd Jones, 147, Philadelphia, at 2:40 of the first.
(09-19-81)

▲ **WEST ORANGE—South Mountain Arena—**New promoters Jerry Bloom and Robert Piesner had a good idea, but lack of experience, poor publicity, and a constantly rearranged card led to a disaster; few fans showed up.

Dwight (Tiger) Walker, 159, Newark, TKO'd Rahim Nashid, 161½, Newark, at 2:59 of the first. Nashid, downed twice, provided little opposition.

Dave Brown, 125, Elizabeth, won a majority decision over Herman Ingram, 126, Newark, six.

Larry Davis, 172, Orange, halted Furquan Ali, 173½, Newark, at 0:41 of the second. Ali, who usually fights hard, quit, claiming a shoulder injury.

Teddy White, 145½, Newark, halted Irving Booth, 140, at 2:27 of the second. The underrated White easily TKO'd Booth, went down from a right hand.

Danny Long, 155, South Boston, knocked out James Clark, 161, Nutley, New Jersey, in 1:21 of the first. A disgrace; the experienced Long was fed a green stiff.

Don Nisivoccia, 114½, Newark, kayoed Stephen Holland, 114¼, Newark, in 0:29 of the second. Holland tried, but took a solid beating until dropped by a right hand.

Junior Edmonds, 176, Newark, TKO'd Jim Harrison, 171¾, Somerville, Maryland, who couldn't come out for the fourth. This, the "main event," a scheduled six, saw the inactive Edmonds batter Harrison all over the ring until Dr. Cassidy stopped it.

Darryl Taylor, 124½, Elizabeth, stopped Ramon Ramos, 122, Hoboken, at 2:45 of the first.
(08-15-81)

▲ **ELIZABETH—Dunn Center—**Spot promoter Carolyn Thomas tried again, with Al Certo as matchmaker. The card, however, was neither financially nor artistically successful.

Frankie Mann, 161, Brooklyn, won on a disqualification over Serg Matieu, 156, Haiti, at 2:19 of the first. Serg did little but push Mann all over the ring until referee Joe Cortez ruled him out.

Jorge Nina, 139, Passaic, TKO'd Julio Cortez, 140, Brooklyn, at 1:08 of the third round.

Bobby (Kid) Patterson, 160¾, Paterson, TKO'd Charley Haywood, 167, New York, at 1:54 of the first. Larry Hazzard, referee.

Shadeed Ar Rahaman, 175, Newark, stopped Elliott Burton, 180, Jersey City, at 2:18 of the first.

Tony Tubbs, 228, Cincinnati, halted Dennis Wimberly, 196, Paterson, at 1:22 of the second.

Scott Frank, 211, Oakland, N.J., kayoed Johnny (Terror) Blaine, 196, Hartford, at 1:38 of the second. Once a bright prospect, with strong wins over Guy Casale and Chuck Wepner, Frank's lack of dedication has reduced him to bowling over stiffs, and Blaine was twice downed by right hands. Why weren't Frank and Tubbs fighting each other, instead of involving themselves in mismatches(?)
(08-21-81)

J.R. JOWETT

NEW YORK

▲ **BINGHAMTON—Broome County Arena—**Jody Nabinger, 135, Endicott, New York, TKO'd "Lightning" Sammy Youngs, 137, Albany, at 2:41 of the third round. A sharp left put Youngs down for eight, and he was in no condition to continue. Nabinger is now 2-0-1. Youngs is 0-2.

Quadir Muntaqim, 174, Blackwood, New Jersey kayoed Jeff Sibley, also 174, Owego, New York, in 1:35 of the second.

Sanford Thomas, 133, Philadelphia, halted Billy (Bam Bam) Knox, 133½, Owego, referee Tommy Holmes stopping the bout at 2:36 of the second. Knox was making his pro debut. He's Sibley's half brother, and was badly outclassed.

Andre (Sugarman) Cooper, 162, White Plains, knocked out Richard Williams, 156, Philadelphia, in 1:20 of the first.

Robert Thomas, 142, Philadelphia, halted John James, 139½, New York, at 2:48 of the third in the opener.

Judges—Tony DiSalvo, Al Parry.
Promoter—Cedric Kushner.
Attendance—2,187 (Leonard-Hearns CC).
(09-16-81)

JOHN GRASSO

▲ **SYRACUSE—War Memorial Auditorium—**Clarence Hill, 219½, New Rochelle, halted Ron Hope, 221¾, New York, in their scheduled eight-rounder. Referee Frankie Adams stopped the bout at 2:44 of round one after Hope had been dropped by a right earlier in the session.

Joe Britt, 179, Syracuse, kayoed Aboul Hakim, 174, Roosevelt, New York, with a right to the kidney in 1:49 of the second in another scheduled eight-round bout. Britt is now 4-1. He's managed by Billy Harris.

Troy Darrell, 147, New Rochelle, TKO'd Al Garcia, 142, New York, at 2:12 of the second in a scheduled six-round bout.

Pedro Montero, 161¾, Hempstead, New York, at 2:51 of round two in their scheduled sixer.

Attendance—2,265 (Leonard-Hearns CC).
(09-16-81)

JIM LEO

▲ **NEW YORK CITY—Felt Forum—**John (The Heat) Verderosa, 133, Staten Island, went in against Mexican Roman Contreras, also 133, on short notice. John was cocky, flying high, and Contreras almost shot him down in the ninth round.

The Heat had won all eight previous rounds, landing at least six blows to every one the Mexican attempted. In the ninth, however, Roman caught him with a dandy right that almost knocked him sideways. John survived the remainder of the session on pure instinct, as the Mexican landed one big one after another.

Verderosa came out for the 10th and final round okay, and managed to win that round, too. The official scoring was as follows: referee Joe Santarpia, 9-1 (9-2); judge Artie Aidala, 7-3 (7-4); judge Eva Shain, 9-1 (9-3). My own card was the same as ref Santarpia's.

Verderosa is now 20-0 with 14 kayoes. Contreras is 13-9-1 with six knockouts.

The scheduled 10-round co-feature saw Carmelo Negron, 123, Brooklyn, kayo Humberto Rodriguez, 122, Mexico City. at the end of round three. Harold Valan, referee.

Southpaw Pedro Vililla, 146, New York, halted Mike Michaud, 146½, East Meadow, New York, with a right hand at 2:20 of the fourth round in a scheduled eight. Joe Cortez, referee.

UNITED STATES RATINGS

HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
Greg Page (Kentucky)
1. Gerry Cooney (New York)
2. Michael Dokes (Ohio)
3. Tim Witherspoon (Pennsylvania)
4. Randall (Tex) Cobb (Texas)
5. Renaldo Snipes (New York)
6. James Tillis (Illinois)
7. Jimmy Young (Pennsylvania)
8. Leon Spinks (Missouri)
9. John Tate (Tennessee)
10. Marty Monroe (California)

WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Title Vacant
1. Thomas Hearns (Michigan)
2. Randy Shields (California)
3. Roger Stafford (Pennsylvania)
4. Bruce Finch (Nevada)
5. Adolfo Viruet (New Jersey)
6. Babs McCarthy (California)
7. Milton McCrory (Michigan)
8. Marlon Starling (Connecticut)
9. Donald Curry (Texas)
10. Davey Moore (New York)

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Ruben Castillo (California)
1. Juan LaPorte (New York)
2. Edwin Rosario (Puerto Rico)
3. Rocky Lockridge (New Jersey)
4. Juan (Kid) Meza (California)
5. Bernard Taylor (Tennessee)
6. Freddie Roach (Arizona)
7. Mark Davis (California)
8. Rocky Garcia (California)
9. Alberto Collazo (Pennsylvania)
10. Jose Caba (California)

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
Jerry Martin (Pennsylvania)
1. Eddie Mustafa Muhammad (New York)
2. Dwight Braxton (Pennsylvania)
3. James Scott (New Jersey)
4. Carlos DeLeon (Puerto Rico)
5. Marvin Camel (Montana)
6. Murray Sutherland (Michigan)
7. Jerry Celestine (Louisiana)
8. Marvin Johnson (Indiana)
9. Bashiru Ali (California)
10. Vonzell Johnson (Indiana)

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Johnny Bumphus (Tennessee)
1. Monroe Brooks (California)
2. Dujuan Johnson (Michigan)
3. Willie Rodriguez (Pennsylvania)
4. Steve Hearon (Texas)
5. Billy Costello (New York)
6. Sal Lopez (California)
7. Mark Ibanez (Hawaii)
8. Leroy Haley (Nevada)
9. Domingo Ayala (Puerto Rico)
10. Jorge Morales (California)

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Mike Ayala (New York)
1. Jaime Garza (California)
2. Carmelo Negron (New York)
3. Nicky Perez (Arizona)
4. Derrik Holmes (Maryland)
5. Diego Rosario (New Jersey)
6. Richard Savala (California)
7. Sergio Castro (California)
8. Jose Canizales (Texas)
9. Jose Parilla (Puerto Rico)
10. Alberto Mercado (Puerto Rico)

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Dwight Davison (Michigan)
1. Wilford Scypion (New York)
2. Frank Fletcher (Pennsylvania)
3. Ray Seales (Washington)
4. Vito Antuofermo (New York)
5. Robbie Epps (New Mexico)
6. Curtis Parker (Pennsylvania)
7. Vinnie Curto (Massachusetts)
8. Ronnie Harris (Ohio)
9. William "Caveman" Lee (Michigan)
10. Bernard Mays (Michigan)

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Howard Davis, Jr. (New York)
1. Hilmer Kenty (Michigan)
2. Ray Mancini (Ohio)
3. Edwin Viruet (Puerto Rico)
4. Gonzallo Montellano (California)
5. Curtis Harris (New Jersey)
6. Roberto Elizondo (Texas)
7. Andy Ganigan (Hawaii)
8. Sean O'Grady (Oklahoma)
9. Frank Newton (Oklahoma)
10. James Busceme (Texas)

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
Johnny Carter (Pennsylvania)
1. Albert Davila (California)
2. Julian Solis (Puerto Rico)
3. Oscar Muniz (California)
4. Andres Hernandez (Puerto Rico)
5. Richard Sandoval (California)
6. Mario Chavez (California)
7. Fred Jackson (Texas)
8. Ricardo Varela (California)
9. Ruben Solario (Puerto Rico)
10. George Garcia (California)

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Rocky Fratto (New York)
1. Tony Ayala, Jr. (Texas)
2. Nino Gonzalez (New Jersey)
3. Gary Guiden (Indiana)
4. Pete Ranzany (California)
5. Clint Jackson (Tennessee)
6. Bruce Johnson (Florida)
7. Tony Braxton (New Jersey)
8. Carlos Santos (Puerto Rico)
9. James Green (New Jersey)
10. Kevin Morgan (Nevada)

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
John Verderosa (New York)
1. Edwin Rosario (Puerto Rico)
2. Frankie Baltazar (California)
3. Bobby Chacon (California)
4. Johnny Sato (California)
5. Greg Coverson (Michigan)
6. Ralph Aviles (Hawaii)
7. Hector Cortez (California)
8. Tony Santana (New York)
9. Gerald Hayes (New Jersey)
10. Hector Camacho (New York)

FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
Willie Jensen (Nevada)
1. Joey Olivo (California)
2. Felix Castillo (Texas)
3. Orlando Maldonado (Puerto Rico)
4. Norberto Castellanos (Texas)
5. Jose Torres (Arizona)
6. Julio Rodriquez (Hawaii)
7. Alonso Gonzales (California)
8. Jerome Coffee (Tennessee)
9. Ron Cisneros (Colorado)
10. Steve Whetstone (Florida)

The United States Ratings were compiled by the Editors of *Ring*, along with the tabulated ballots of the American panelists on *Ring*'s International Ratings Panel.

Six rounders: Eddie Gregg, 211, Kew Gardens, Queens, New York, TKO'd Amos Haines, 214, Youngstown, Ohio, at 2:36 of the second. Jose Baret,, 147, New York knocked out Joe Robinson, 148½, White Plains, in 2:14 of the second. Andres Tena, New York, 122, won a unanimous decision over Mujahid Muhammad, 126, Hartford, Conn. Freddie Boynton, 155, Middletown, New Jersey, won a unanimous decision over Danny Chapman, 154, New Paltz, New York.

Four-rounders: "Irish" Jimmy McGovern, 155½, Astoria's favorite, halted Tommy Angelucci, 155, Bridgeport, Conn., with three knockdowns at 1:57 of the first round. Dennis John, 143, Harlem, won a split decision over Bryant (King) Ware, 139½, Brooklyn. Tyrone Jackson, 129, Harlem, kayoed Glen Guy, Philadelphia, in 1:31 of the first round in the opener.

Harold Valan refereed Baret-Robinson. Joe Santarpia handled Gregg-Haines, Tena-Muhammad, and Jackson-Guy. Joe Cortez handled McGovern-Angelucci, John-Ware, and Boynton-Chapman.

Timekeeper—Fred Abbatiello.

Round Girls—Lenore and Felicia Pavlakos.

Attendance—1,357. Gross—$15,841

(09-25-81)

▲ NEW YORK CITY—Felt Forum—Former WBC junior lightweight champion Alfredo Escalera, who'd deserted fisticuffs for professional (ugh!) wrestling after being held to a draw by Antonio (Kid Can) Cruz on October 13, 1979, lost 40 pounds and returned to boxing with a unanimous decision over Ruby (The Snake) Ortiz, 141½, Brooklyn, 10.

Escalera looked bad. His timing was off, his coordination was poor, and it was only his great boxing knowledge and ring generalship that made him the winner. That, and the fact that, no matter how bad Escalera looked, Ortiz looked worse. Ruby was down briefly in the fourth.

Scoring: referee Vincent Rainone, 6-3-1 (7-3); judge Carol Castellano, 7-3 (8-3); judge Simon Ramos, 8-2 (9-2). Escalera, who weighed 142, is now 42-10-3 with 26 kayoes. Ortiz is 23-9-4 with seven knockouts.

The 10-round semi saw Enrique Sanchez, 120, Santo Domingo, D.R., win a unanimous decision over Armando (The Mouse) Ugalde, 117½, Mexico City. Scoring: referee Paul Venti, 6-4 (8-5); judge Castellano, 7-3 (8-4); judge Ramos 6-3-1 (7-3). This was an *action* fight, with Sanchez decking Ugalde twice in the fifth, only to have the frail looking Mexican come back to knock him down with a left in the final session. Sanchez is now 28-2-1 with 19 kayoes. Ugalde is 12-8 with one knockout. Ugalde, though, is tougher than his looks—or record—indicate.

Eight-rounders: Jose Baret, 148½, New York, won a unanimous decision over Donald Johnson, also 148½, Brooklyn. Freddie Boynton, 153, Red Bank, New Jersey, won a majority decision over Kenny Styles, 158, New York. Iban (Scorpion) Montabol, 137½, San Juan, Puerto Rico, won a split decision over comebacking Chris Fernandez, also 137½, New York. Alberto Mercado, 127, San Juan, P.R., TKO'd David Capo, 123, New York, at 2:13 of the eight and final round.

Herb Wilens, 160, Gaithersburg, Maryland, won a majority decision over Wendell Hauser, 158, New York, six.

Bryant Ware, 138½, Brooklyn, TKO'd Alan Braswell, also 138½, New York, at 1:04 of the third in the opening four.

Luis Rivera refereed Baret-Johnson, Montabol-Fernandez, and Ware-Braswell. Vincent Rainone worked Boynton-Styles and Wilens-Houser. Paul Venti handled Mercado-Capo.

Timekeeper—Fred Abbatiello.

Round Girl—Lenore Pavlakos.

Attendance—2,036. Gross—$22,457.

(10-16-81)

HERBERT G. GOLDMAN

▲ WHITE PLAINS—Westchester County Center—Pro boxing returned to this arena after a three-month lay-off, and Doug DeWitt, Yonkers, pounded veteran journeyman Danny McAloon, 160½, Bronx, into submission after three rounds of the scheduled main event.

DeWitt is now 12-1. McAloon is 31-9-1.

Paul DeVorce, 125½, Yonkers, won a split decision over David Capo, 125, New York, eight. Scoring: referee Frank Ucci, 5-3, DeVorce; judge Leo Dazzo, 5-2-1, DeVorce; judge Al Levine, 5-3, Capo. DeVorce is now 10-0. Capo is 5-6-1.

David Brown, 125, Newark, N.J., won a unanimous decision over Santos Cruz, also 125, White plains, eight. Brown is now 6-4-1. Cruz is 5-4-1.

DEAN COLEMAN

PENNSYLVANIA

▲ PHILADELPHIA—Pennsylvania Hall—Local junior middle Earl Hargrove extended his winning streak to 16 straight (all knockouts) by stopping veteran Don Morgan in the main event, but the big story was the pro debut of five members of the Montgomery County Boys Club. Despite Hargrove's flashy record, it was the kids from Montgomery County that sold most of the 3,000 tickets at this 4,000 seat venue. The club is affiliated with a local labor union and the members responded well in support of their fighters.

Hargrove, 156, unloaded a right hand to the head in the first round that decked the well-traveled Morgan for an automatic eight-count. Don got up and hung in there until the bell.

Morgan, 151½, Nashville, Tenn., tried to stay out of trouble from then on. He backed away for most of the fight, absorbing stiff head shots in every round. After six rounds of punishment, Don wisely decided to stay on his stool at the start of the seventh. It had not been a very competitive contest. Hargrove showed that he had learned enough not to get discouraged when his victim fails to fold up immediately after fielding his best shot.

Undefeated Myron Taylor, 126½, Phila., had to fight all the way to earn a unanimous eight-round decision over Nashville's Walter Smith in the evening's best fight.

Smith, 125¾, matched Taylor on the inside with hard combos to the body, but Myron's shots to the head were of much better quality. A right dumped Smith for a brief count in the first for the only knockdown of the bout.

There was no question about the verdict and Smith received a nice hand for his brave showing when he left the ring. Taylor, now 10-0 (7 kayoes), knew he'd been in a fight. Smith dropped to 7-2-1, and would be welcome back.

Fred McMunn, 162, Kensington, Pa., rallied to stop Robert Hart, 157, Phila., for a TKO at 2:50 of the fifth in a scheduled six. Hart had scored often with his long jab, but McMunn finally caught with him, putting him away with a flurry of clean punches along the ropes.

Four of the five youngsters from Montgomery County scored wins in matches that were tailor-made to insure victory for the ticket sellers.

In the lone upset, Eugene (Hercules) Kato, 195, Camden, South Carolina, pole-axed Rich Schoenberger, 215, with a right to the jaw. Kato, who looked scared to death of his much larger rival, landed at will, finally stopping him at the end of the second. The moment Schoenberger hit the canvas, his trainer jumped into the ring and called for a halt. The bell rang around the same time and it was all over. Someone forgot to read the script, that's for sure. Kato seemed almost as surprised as Schoenberger that he had won.

Willie Harris, 150, M. C., iced Irven Gripper, 147, Camden, S. C., in just 0:39 of the first. Harris was the 1981 Pennsylvania Golden Gloves Champion, and could be a good pro prospect. It was hard to tell from this brief showing.

Joe Traitz, 185, M. C., destroyed oldie Billy Freeman, 190, with a TKO at 0:35 of the second. This one was pure garbage. Freeman used to be a decent fighter, but is way past it. He came in as a late sub.

Steve Traitz, 165, M. C., (Joe's brother), had real easy pickings with Ronald Earp, 169½, Phila. Three quick knockdowns ended the farce at 1:40 of the opening round.

1981 National G. G. heavyweight champ Joe Thomas, 255, decisioned game Rick Harris, 260, Camden, S. C., over four. Harris, who has the heart of a lion buried under a mass of blubber, went down from a right in the first, but got up to last the course. One has to wonder, off this outing, how Thomas won a national title.

Jerry Williams, 159 Phila. outpointed lefty Mike Davis, 160, Phila., in a decent four-rounder that opened the card.

Bob Polis, Tom Reed and Hank Cisco took turns judging and refereeing. Paul Harris also judged.

Promoter—Joe Hand.

(10-16-81)

NIGEL COLLINS

▲ SCRANTON—Catholic Youth Center—Mike Picciotti, 147, Philadelphia, won a split decision over Felix Nance, 144½, Norwich, Conn., in the eight-round main go. Scoring: referee Hank Cisco, 37-36, Nance; judges John Castellani and Andy Mihal, 39-36 and 39-31, respectively, Picciotti. Mike is now 23-1-3. He's handled by Marty Feldman. Juan Rivera guides Nance.

Six-rounders: Anthony Cruduys, 173, Hillcrest Heights, Maryland, won a split decision over Mike Addesa, 175, Old Forge, Pa. Jerry Foley, 212, Scranton, outpointed Bernie Keys, 214½, Hillcrest Heights. Jody Nabinger, 138, Endicott, New York, outscored Garland Wright, 136, Scranton.

Fours: "Irish" Mike Brennan, 165, formerly of Scranton but now fighting out of Philly, outscored Gene (The Machine) Vangarelli, also 165, Jessup, Pa. Gary Gibson, 136, Hillcrest Heights, TKO'd Billy Price, 138, at 1:50 fo the third round in the opener.

Six amateur scraps preceded the pro action.

Minooka Boxing Club. Paul Ruddy, matchmaker.

Attendance—1,378. Gross—$9,151.

(09-30-81)

JIM LEO

TEXAS

▲ HOUSTON—Latin World Arena—John (Wolf) Morgan, 140, Houston, outscored Danny Favella, 142, San Antonio, in the evening's 10-round main event. Morgan was a sub for stablemate Ronnie Shields, who couldn't fight due to a bruised hand suffered in his last outing.

It appears that Reuben (Blackie) Ramon, the infamous San Antonio booking agent, has come up with another of the famous fighting Favella family to throw to the lions as the occasion arises. First there was Danny, then Albert, Felix, Gilbert, and now a man named Joe Favella appears. Joe, 115,

Longview, was stopped by local boxer Fred Jackson, 117, in the second round.

Ed Green, Sr., 151, Houston, halted Adolfo Rivas, 155, San Antonio, in the second. Rivas began his career several years ago as a lightweight, and, only some six months ago, had ballooned up to near heavyweight proportions. Though he has reduced to a more manageable weight, the result—a kayo loss—was the same as it usually is for poor Adolfo.

Anthony (Wildcat) Wiley, 159, Houston made it two-for-two in the paid ranks by halting veteran trial horse Rene Pagan, 156, Santurce, Puerto Rico, in round three.

Steve McKyer, 119, Port Arthur, halted inept Eulilio Anguino, 118, Houston, in the first round. McKyer is now 1-0-1. Anguino is 0-4.

Reginald (Skeeter) Watson, 129¼, Houston, stopped Rob Cardona, 128, Mexicali, Mexico, in the first.

Savannah Boxing Club.

Attendance—244.

(09-03-81)

▲ **HOUSTON—Guadalupe Church**—Promoter Pedro Garcia, with the backing of local restaurateur Rafael Acosta, staged a boxing card in this historic church in the heart of Houston's old east side barrio. Some 550 fans showed up to see local favorite Roberto T. Madrid, 135½, stop Roberto (Baby) Perez, 136, San Antonio, in round five. Madrid is now 15-5. Perez is 11-28-1.

Cisco de la Cerda, 112, Houston, outscored Armando Loredo, 114, Corpus Christi, eight.

Charlie Allen, 143,¼, Corpus Christi, outpointed Israel Ibarra Martinez, 144½, Houston, six.

Cenobio Saucedo, 113, Houston, outscored Joel Loredo, 112¾, Corpus Christi, in the six-round curtain raiser.

(09-04-81)

C. A. JACKSON

WASHINGTON

▲ **SEATTLE**—Johnny Herbert, Seattle, brought his pro record to 9-1 with a unanimous decision over Rudy Barro, Stockton, Calif., 10.

Barro floored the Seattle welter in the first round with a crisp left hook, but Herbert gained control of the bout in the second round with sharp lefts, and dominated from then on.

Charles Carter, Yakima, won a unanimous decision over Daryl Penn, Portland, Oregon, six, middleweights. Francisco Roche, 149, Seattle, outpointed Len Thomas, Carson City, Nevada, six. Rod Smith, 204, Eugene, Oregon, kayoed Jim Huston, 203, Olympia, Wash., in the first round. Mark Lee, 210, Carson City, halted Pat Ritter, 205, Portland, in the second. Chad Morgan, 140, won a unanimous decision over Dale Dorsett, 141, Portland, four.

Dolores McNally, promoter.

Attendance—850 (est.).

RUGGLES LARSON

CANADA

ONTARIO

▲ **TORONTO—Coliseum**—Phoenix Sports Promotions—making their debut into pro boxing—ran into problems when they were forced to put in a substitute for Canadian light heavyweight champion Gary Summerhays, who injured his arm in training less than three weeks prior to his scheduled title defense against Roddie MacDonald. An unknown fighter named Frank Hines was brought in from North Carolina with a reported 9-1-1 mark, but the fans did not go for that. They wanted to see their local boy, MacDonald, in a championship bout. Poor weather conditions made the situation worse, and the crowd was very small as a result.

The main event saw MacDonald, 183, Toronto, stop Hines, 174, at 0:50 of the third round. Fern Chretien, referee.

The 10-round semi-final saw Roy Gumbs, the British middleweight champion now living in Toronto, make his first Canadian appearance against Joe Henry. Gumbs, 163, stopped Henry, 161, at 1:18 of the eighth. All three official cards had Gumbs ahead after the seventh—34-30, 35-30, and 39-31.

John Degazio, 149½, St. Catharines, knocked out Gerald Boiner, 159½, Cleveland, with a left hook to the jaw in 2:14 of the initial round in a scheduled eight.

Bobby Bland, 159, Toronto, won a shutout unanimous decision over game Lee Barber, 163, Detroit, six. The scores were 30-26 (twice) and 30-25.

Dave Martin, 147, London, Ontario, won a unanimous decision over Bobby Buscombe, 145, Brantford, four.

Rocky Zoinierczyk, 135, Welland, won an unpopular decision over Antone White, 133, Windsor, in the four-round opener.

Referees—Fern Chretien, Harry Davis, Sammy Luftspring.

Judges—Bernie Cormier, Ed Gaudet, Chuck Williams.

Timekeepers—Arnold Paris, Frank Shillolo.

Ringside physician—Dr. Bruce Stewart.

Attendance—800 (est.).

(10-01-81)

QUEBEC

▲ **MONTREAL—Paul Sauve Arena**—Mario Cusson, 145, Montreal, won the vacant Canadian welterweight title with a unanimous decision over Bob Harvey, 145½, Halifax, 12. There were no knockdowns. Scores: 57-52, 56-52, 59-54.

Donny Poole, 146, Toronto, won a unanimous decision over Ghislain Deroy, 147½, Sept-Iles, in an action packed eight. Scores: 39-32, 39-33, 40-34. The Montreal Athletic Commission tabbed Deroy with a 60-day suspension after the bout.

Four-rounders: Dennis Brisson, 146, Chicoutimi, won a unanimous decision over Daniel Gagon, 145½, Hull. Paul Talbot, 175¼, won unanimous duke over Andre Dubien, 183, Gatineau. Dave Hilton, Jr., 144, Montreal, won unanimous verdict over Brian Anderson, 142, Montreal.

Henri Spitzer, promotor.

(09-29-81)

FRANK ALLNUTT

MEXICO

AGUASCALIENTES

▲ **AGUASCALIENTES**—Jose Luis Valencia, 124, stopped Lupe Torres, 125, in the sixth round. Julio Cruz, 179, TKO'd Manny Remo, 177, in the 10th and final session. Raul de Anda, 124, TKO'd Jorge Perez, also 124, in four.

(08-21-81)

▲ **AGUASCALIENTES**—Cayetano Correa, 135, outpointed Javier (Memin) Barcenas, 134, 10. Miguel Angel Castillo, 124, knocked out Ricardo Medina, also 124, in six.

(08-28-81)

BAJA CALIFORNIA

▲ **TIJUANA**—Abdul Bey, 125, U.S.A., halted Rafael Gandarilla, 124, in two. Julio Cesar Chavez, 119, kayoed Daniel Felizardo, 121, in three.

(08-31-81)

CAMPECHE

▲ **CAMPECHE**—Jorge Manuel Vera, 111, won the Mexican flyweight crown with a decision over Jose Gallegos, 112, 12. Daniel Zaragoza, 119, TKO'd "Rayito" Gonzalez, 117, in five. Jose Quijano, 108, outscored "Alacrancito" Mendez, 110, 10. Maximo Canul, 112, outpointed "Mantequilla" Tzuc, 111, four.

(08-28-81)

COAHUILA

▲ **TORREON**—"Gallito" Jarez, 135, outscored Jorge Castillo, 134, 10. Chucho Barrientos, 121, stopped Babe Rincon, 120, in four.

(08-14-81)

FEDERAL DISTRICT

▲ **MEXICO CITY**—Marcos Villasana, 126, outpointed Miguel Angel Alvarez, 124, 10. Felipe (Tigre) Fernandez, 118, and Heriberto Saavedra, also 118, drew, 10. Miro Rosales, 112, outscored Roman Escalante, 113, eight. Jesus Tejeda, 107, TKO'd Lupe Cruz, 108, in two. Benjamin Rosas, 125, won by a disqualification over Beto Ramos, 124, in one.

(08-15-81)

▲ **MEXICO CITY**—Saul Linares, 122, kayoed Miguel Valderrama, 121, in six. Raul (Satanas) Guerrero, 135, knocked out Othoniel Lopez, also 135, in two. Pascual Garcia, 117, flattened Jose Franco, 116, in two. Ricardo Sosa, 108, halted Gerardo Veladiz, 109, in four. Gerardo Sanchez, 136, outscored Norberto Buenos, 135, four.

(08-19-81)

▲ **MEXICO CITY**—Abraham (Yaqui) Meneses, 206, TKO'd Ladislao (Ruso) Mijangos, 182, in two. Alberto (Bobby) Ruiz, 114, outpointed Raul (Chamaco) Lopez, 116, 10. Chucho Cazares, 116, TKO'd Armando Terron, 117, in four. Ignacio (Torito) Alvarez, 137, outscored Agustin Vincenteno, 136, six. Jose Luis Campos, 108, TKO'd Enrique Trujillo, also 108, in two.

(08-22-81)

▲ **MEXICO CITY**—David (Maceton) Cabrera, 175, outscored Ramon Ronquillo, 170, 10. Rafael Morales, 112, outpointed Baldomero Santos, also 112, 10. Elias Equihua, 175, TKO'd Erasmo (Prieto) Mendez, 177, in six. Gabino Rizo, 146, shaded Gregorio Bonilla, also 146, six. Manuel Vera, 118, TKO'd Jesus Jimenez, 116, in the first round.

(08-29-81)

▲ **MEXICO CITY**—Bonifacio (Boni) Flores, 117, halted Nacho Rivera, 118, in four. Antonio Gallegos, 118, kayoed Mario Ochoa, 117, in two. Antonio Lopez, 109, TKO'd Ramon (Toluco) Lopez, 107, in five. Felix Tzoni, 111, TKO'd Fernando Dominguez, also 111, in two. Eleuterio Vargas, 134, TKO'd Joaquin Sandoval, 135, in three.

(09-02-81)

▲ **MEXICO CITY**—Reyes Gonzalez, 125, kayoed Francisco Manzo, 124, in two. Jose Luis Tapia, 135, TKO'd Jose Mendez, 136, in nine. Carlos Linares, 121, TKO'd Ubaldo Rivas, 123, in seven. Javier Herrera, 116, outpointed Alejo Garcia, 119, six. Juan (Tiburon) Reyes, 124, TKO'd Beto Ramos, 123, in two.

(09-05-81)

GUERRERO

▲ **ACAPULCO**—Arturo Tebaqui, 110, TKO'd Venancio Rosas, also 110, in six. Aaron Garcia, 108, and Isidro Perez, 109, drew, 10. Nati Echeverria, 120, outscored Lalo Rojas, 119, 10.

(08-14-81)

▲ **ACAPULCO**—Ciro Cayetano, 117, outpointed Ambrosio Luna, 118, 10. "Albanilito" Estrada, 112, demolished Lupe (Costeno) Gonzalez, 111, in the first. Emilio Santos, 114, iced Gerardo Flores, 115, in one.

(08-28-81)

▲ **ACAPULCO**—Julio (Rubia) Avendano, 124, TKO'd Oscar Burgos, also 124, in four. Candelario (Changuito) Carmona, 112, TKO'd Jacobo Gutierrez, 111, in one. Francisco Mayo, 118, knocked out Lorenzo Perez, 117, in the first.

(09-04-81)

JALISCO

▲ **GUADALAJARA**—Juan Carlos Alvarado, 135, knocked out Carlos Romero, also 135, in four.

(08-14-81)

▲ **GUADALAJARA**—Arturo (Cuyito) Hernandez, 117, TKO'd Julio Blanco, also 117, in six. Apolinar Alonso, 124, TKO'd Salvador Larios, 125, in seven.

(08-21-81)

▲ **GUADALAJARA**—Jorge Vaca, 147, stopped Leonardo (Chino) Bermudez, 149, in four. Maximino Guevara, 136, TKO'd David Fierro, 137, in three.

(08-28-81)

▲ **GUADALAJARA**—Jorge Ramirez, 118, retained his Mexican bantam title by outpointing Ray (Pelon) Rodriguez, also 118, 12. Angel Hernandez, 117, TKO'd Hector (Young Casanova) Medina, 118, in five. Mario (Azabache) Martinez, 118, stopped Jorge Vera, 119, in two. David Bejinez, 117, halted Francisco Javier Nunez, 118, in eight. Alberto Martinez, 108, and Gilberto Sosa, also 108, drew, eight.

(09-04-81)

MICHOACAN

▲ **URUAPAN**—Julio Toral, 146, knocked out Abel Flores, 148, in the first session.

(08-27-81)

OAXACA

▲ **SALINA CRUZ**—Guillermo (Lobo) Morales, 126, outscored Silvino (Rayo) Valencia, 125, 10.

(08-14-81)

SINALOA

▲ **CULIACAN**—Amado (Pantera) Ursua, 109, stopped Luis Fernando (Pringa) Hernandez, 110, in nine. Osvaldo Martinez, 117, kayoed Fernando Fernandez, 118, in six. Delfino Mendoza, 119, TKO'd Fidencio Febreros, 120, in seven.

(08-14-81)

▲ **CULIACAN**—Jesus (Chuyin) Lopez, 118, stopped Hector Cortes, also 118, in five. Lupe Acosta, 112, iced "Pantera" Garcia, 111, in one.

(08-28-81)

▲ **LOS MOCHIS**—Betillo Gutierrez, 147, outpointed Adolfo Sanjeado, also 147, 10.

(08-30-81)

SONORA

▲ **NAVOJOA**—Jose Luis Ramirez, 135, outpointed Jose Luis Soberanes, also 135, 10.

(08-28-81)

▲ **HERMOSILLO**—Norberto Cabrera, 124, outpointed Justo Garcia, 125, 10. David Avila, 118, stopped Ruben (Abanico) Dominguez, 119, in seven. Ramiro Gonzalez, 159, halted Emilio Gonzalez, 158, in eight. Ramon Campa, 176, stopped Ruben Rascon, 175, in eight. Ignacio Benitez, 177, kayoed David Cisneros, 178, in two.

(08-29-81)

TABASCO

▲ **VILLAHERMOSA**—Freddie Castillo, 112, TKO'd Gabriel Bernal, also 112, in eight, to win the North American flyweight title. Juan Herrera, 111, kayoed Elfego Lopez, 112, in seven. Carlos (Pollo) Gonzalez, 124, TKO'd Jose (Zorrita) Medera, 125, in six. Baby Pena, 113, outscored "Pajarito" May, 112, eight. Arturo Reyes, 118, stopped Enrique Picaso, 117, in two.

(08-22-81)

▲ **VILLAHERMOSA**—Candido Tellez, 113, flattened former world flyweight champion Miguel Canto, also 113, in four. Roman Acosta, 113, TKO'd Carlos de la Paz, 112, in two. Eduardo (Lalo) Acosta, 107, knocked out Jesus Tejeda, 108, in the first round. Jacinto Gutierrez, 113, outpointed Rodolfo Alvarado, 111, six.

(08-29-81)

VERACRUZ

▲ **CIUDAD ALTAMIRANO**—Enedino Tolentino, 112, outpointed Martin Gonzalez, 113, 10.

(08-14-81)

▲ **POZA RICA**—Juan Paredes, 125, stopped Sixto Castillo, 126, in eight. Esteban Sanguilam, 125, halted Eleuterio Flores, 124, in five. Alfredo Madrid, 125, knocked out Blas Perez, 126, in three.

(08-14-81)

▲ **POZA RICA**—David (Lenteja) Madrid, 147, TKO'd Tomas (Negro) Garcia, 146, in three. Leo de la Cruz, 135, and Marciano Muniz, 134, drew, 10. Esteban Sanguilen, 125, kayoed Felipe Martinez, 124, in three.

(08-28-81)

EDUARDO AMER G.

CENTRAL AMERICA

PANAMA

▲ **PANAMA CITY—Nuevo Panama Gymnasium**—Hilario Zapata, 108, retained his WBC junior flyweight crown with a unanimous decision over German Torres, 107½, Mexico, 15.

Rigoberto Riasco, 127, won a unanimous decision over Jose Santana, 126½, 10.

Aquilino Asprilla, 124, won a unanimous decision over Victor Samudio, 125¼, 10.

Jorge Alvarado, 131 won a unanimous verdict over Eduardo Valdes, 131, 10.

Alfredo Layne, 131¾, TKO'd Antonio Isaza, 132, at 2:12 of the third round in a scheduled eight.

Bernardo Checa, 121, won a unanimous duke over Oscar Gordon, 122, six.

Humberto Sosa, 125½, won a unanimous decision over Ricaurte Ramos, 126, six.

Panaprom S.A.

(08-15-81)

▲ **PANAMA CITY—Neco de la Guardia Gymnasium**—Santos Becerra, 107¼, won a unanimous decision over Ernesto Sanchez, 108¼, eight.

Benito Vargas, 105¾, won a split decision over Edilberto Lopez, 106¾, six.

Four-rounders: Angel Diaz, 133¾, kayoed David Harper, 138, in the second. Eric Sanchez, 115, TKO'd Rodolfo Page, 115¾, at 2:27 of the third round. Marcos Tunon, 123¼, won unanimous decision over Angel Asprilla, 129¼. Bernardino Moreno, 112½, TKO'd Martin Barcenas, 108, at 3:00 of the first.

Hns. Torres.

(09-19-81)

▲ **COLON—Panama Al Brown Arena**—Alcibiades Blandon, 130¼, TKO'd Maximo Bllesteros, 124¼, in the seventh round of a scheduled 10.

Alex Miranda, 114¼, won a split decision over Jorge Spalding, 113, eight.

Four-rounders: Ezequiel Mosquera, 131½, TKO'd Isaac Moreno, 135¼, in the fourth round. Ricaurte Ramos TKO'd Marcial Bonilla in the second. Marcelo Beckford TKO'd Domingo Castillo at 2:20 of the first.

Garin S.A.

(09-19-81)

RAQUEL M. TORRES

SOUTH AMERICA

COLOMBIA

▲ **BOGOTA**—Emiliano Villa won the Colombian national junior middleweight crown by knocking out Manuel Saavedra with a right to the jaw in 0:39 of the fifth session in a scheduled 12-rounder. Villa had previously won the national light, junior welterweight, and welter titles.

Sugar Bay Rojas, Barranquilla, outpointed Virgilio Palomo, Monteria, 10 rounds, flyweights.

Guillermo Bustos, Bogota, iced Remberto Rada, Santa Marta, in the second session, lightweights.

Alejandro Galvis knocked out Francisco Herrera in the eighth round, feathers.

Victor Babilonia kayoed Jaime Burbano in the fourth frame, lights, Burbano was a sub for Enrique (Gavilan) Martinez of Buenaventura.

(09-18-81)

▲ **CARTAGENA**—Tomas Polo, Cartagena, won the vacant Colombian light heavyweight title by outpointing Jesus Morelos, Buenaventura, 12. It was a close contest.

Mateo Valdez, Cartagena, outpointed veteran Carlos Mejia, 10, welters.

Alvaro Galvan, Monteria, demolished Julio Garcia, Medellin, in the third round, featherweights.

Francisco Alvarez, Cartagena, outscored William Medrano, Medellin, four rounds, bantamweights. Alvarez is unbeaten in five bouts.

Joaquin Caraballo kayoed Cadid Prada in the third frame, flyweights.

(09-25-81)

LUIS A. GONZALEZ

EUROPE

GERMANY

▲ **NOTES**—Promoter Wilfried Sauerland keeps the sport alive in this country, presenting some class shows, although most of the talent has to be imported. However, two local ex-amateur stars, Rene Weller and Manfred Jassmann, are featured on Sauerland's programs, and they do a lot in drawing customers.

Weller, amateur bantamweight champion, 1971-72; featherweight champion, 1973-76; and holder of the lightweight crown, 1977-80, won the national pro title in his third pro start, dethroning champion Dieter Schantz with a fourth round kayo. A European title fight is already in the making for spring next year in Cologne.

Jassmann, in his fourth pro bout, knocked out fellow German Charlie Schulz, whom he had outscored as an amateur.

German referee Helmut Bertram was 65 in September. As an amateur, he lost only four of 72 bouts. He refereed some 200 fights in the amateur ranks and, since joining the professionals, has been in charge of nearly 100 contests.

ITALY

▲ **MARSALA**—Salvatore Melluzzo, Italy, won the vacant European featherweight crown by halting Laurent Grimbert, France, in seven.

(07-22-81)

▲ **RACCARUYA**—Valerio Nati, Italy, retained his European bantamweight title by knocking out Jean Jacques Souris, France, in the second.

(09-02-81)

NETHERLANDS

▲ **SCHIJNDEL**—Kaik Krof, Schijndel, TKO'd Maurice Gomis, France, in five. Andre van den Oetelaar, Holland, TKO'd Walter Nickel, Germany, in one.

▲ **ROTTERDAM—Ahoy Sports Palace**—Hubert Zimmerman, Rotterdam, outpointed Bonny McKenzie, Great Britain, eight, light heavyweights. Alex Blanchard, Holland, won his 17th bout by stopping Doug Demmings, Great Britain, in six.

(09-07-81)

SPAIN

▲ **VALLADOLID**—European junior lightweight campion Carlos Hernandez, Spain, retained his crown, outscoring Alan LeFol, France, 12. LeFol bled from the nose in the seventh and had his left eyebrow cut in the eighth.

(09-05-81)

JACK A. TREE

EUROPEAN RATINGS

HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
John L. Gardner (Great Britain)
1. Lucien Rodriguez (France)
2. Alfredo Evangelista (Spain)
3. Sylvain Watbled (France)
4. Gordon Ferris (Great Britain)
5. Felipe Rodriguez (Spain)
6. Billy Aird (Great Britain)
7. Giovanni De Luca (Italy)
8. Bernd August (Germany)
9. Al Syben (Belgium)
10. Rudi Lubbers (Netherlands)

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
Rudi Koopmans (Netherlands)
1. Bunny Johnson (Great Britain)
2. Fred Serres (Belgium)
3. Hocine Tafer (France)
4. Ennio Cometti (Italy)
5. Avenamar Peralta (Spain)
6. Dennis Andries (Belgium)
7. Tom Collins (Great Britain)
8. Karl Canwell (Great Britain)
9. Alex Blanchard (Netherlands)
10. Shaun Chalcraft (Great Britain)

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Tony Sibson (Great Britain)
1. Alan Minter (Great Britain)
2. Roy Gumbs (Great Britain)
3. Matteo Salvemini (Italy)
4. Andoni Amana (Spain)
5. Nicola Cirelli (Italy)
6. Pierre Joly (France)
7. Jose Lozano (Spain)
8. Eddie Burke (Great Britain)
9. Eddie Smith (Great Britain)
10. George Steinherr (Germany)

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Luigi Minchillo (Italy)
1. Maurice Hope (Great Britain)
2. Louis Acaries (France)
3. Marijan Benes (Yugoslavia)
4. Herol Graham (Great Britain)
5. Pat Thomas (Great Britain)
6. Dave (Boy) Green (Great Britain)
7. Steve Hopkin (Great Britain)
8. Jimmy Batten (Great Britain)
9. Claude Martin (France)
10. Eckhard Dagge (Germany)

WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Jorgen Hansen (Denmark)
1. Colin Jones (Great Britain)
2. Hans Hendrik Palm (Denmark)
3. Kirkland Laing (Great Britain)
4. Pierangelo Pira (Italy)
5. Richard Rodriguez (France)
6. Roger Zenon (France)
7. Alois Carmeliet (Belgium)
8. Fred Coranson (France)
9. Salvatore Cascio (Italy)
10. Claude Lancastre (France)

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Antonio Guinaldo (Spain)
1. Jo Kimpuani (France)
2. Giuseppe Martinese (Italy)
3. Clinton McKenzie (Great Britain)
4. Steve Early (Great Britain)
5. Des Morrison (Great Britain)
6. Sylvester Mittee (Great Britain)
7. Ken Buchanan (Great Britain)
8. Christian Gracia (France)
9. Andre Holyk (France)
10. Luciano Navarra (Italy)

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Carlos Hernandez (Spain)
1. Jose Luis Vicho (Spain)
2. Rodolfo Sanchez (Spain)
3. Carlos Miguel Rodriguez (Spain)
4. Aristid Pizzo (Italy)
5. Salvatore Liscapade (Italy)
6. Roman Marichal (Spain)
7. Alessandro Nardi (Italy)
8. Natale Vezzoli (Italy)
9. Maurice Apeang (France)
10. Isidoro Cabeza (Spain)

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Salvatore Melluzzo (Italy)
1. Roberto Castanon (Spain)
2. Pat Cowdell (Great Britain)
3. Jimmy Flint (Great Britain)
4. Manuel Masso (Spain)
5. Esteban Equia (Spain)
6. Cecilio Lastra (Spain)
7. Alfredo Mulas (Italy)
8. Michele Siracuse (Italy)
9. Marco Gallo (Italy)
10. Petito Di Muro (Italy)

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
Valerio Nati (Italy)
1. John Feeney (Great Britain)
2. Juan Francisco Rodriguez (Spain)
3. Vicente Rodriguez (Spain)
4. Giuseppe Fossati (Italy)
5. Dave Smith (Great Britain)
6. Davy Larmour (Great Britain)
7. Gary Nickels (Great Britain)
8. Luis de la Sagra (Spain)
9. Manuel Barquim (Spain)
10. Giovanni Pasca (Italy)

FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
Charlie Magri (Great Britain)
1. Paolo Castrovilli (Italy)
2. Manuel Carrasco (Spain)
3. Enrique Rodriguez Cal (Spain)
4. Giovanni Camputaro (Italy)
5. Sabatino De Filippo (Italy)
6. Emilio Pireddu (Italy)
7. Mariano Garcia (Spain)
8. Dominique Delorme (France)
9. Dominique Piedeleu (France)
10. Mario Bitetto (Italy)

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Giuseppe Gibilisco (Italy)
1. Charlie Nash (Great Britain)
2. Ray Cattouse (Great Britain)
3. Francisco Leon (Spain)
4. Jose Luis Heredia (Spain)
5. George Feeney (Great Britain)
6. Lucio Cusma (Spain)
7. Dave McCabe (Great Britain)
8. Ricky Beaumont (Great Britain)
9. Dave Williams (Great Britain)
10. Winston Spencer (Great Britain)

UNITED KINGDOM

▲ **BRIGHTON—Corn Exchange**—Peter Ewbanks, 128½, Brighton, outpointed Barry McGuigan, Clones, eight, 78½-78.

Gordon Stacey, 172, Battersea, halted Paul Newman, 172½, Bognor, in the sixth round on a cut over the left eye. A similar thing had happened when they met before.

Sean Stanley, 135, Bournemouth, narrowly outpointed Terry Parkinson, 138½, six. The score was 59-58½, and nobbins were thrown into the ring after the contest.

Frank McCullough, 175, Belfast, outscored Glenroy Taylor, 178, Brixton, six, 60-57½.

Jackie Sharp, 155, Lewisham, kayoed Ian Baker, 158, Brighton, in the second with a left to the jaw. Baker struggled up at eight, but the referee counted him out on his feet.

(08-03-81)

▲ **NORWICH—City Football Grounds**—British featherweight champion Pat Cowdell, 127¾, Warley, won an overwhelming points victory over Samuel Meck, 128, the French-based African, 10. The official score was 99½-95½.

Unfortunately, with only seconds to go before the end of the fight, Cowdell was badly cut over the left eye after a clash of heads.

Tony Moore, 202, Hendon, outpointed Martin Nee, 208, Paddington, eight, 78½-78.

Joe Jackson, 172½, Leicester, outscored Lee White, Carshalton, eight, 79-77.

Chris Thorne, 171¼, Dereham, outpointed Joe Deans, 166, Huddersfield, six, 60-57½.

David Miles, 127¼, Merthyr Tydfil, outscored Robert Hepburn, 121¼, six, 59½-58½. Hepburn was down seven times.

Ror Burke, 126½, Ipswich, halted Keith Foreman, 127½, Hartlepool. Foreman retired after two rounds with an injured nose.

(08-05-81)

▲ **CARDIFF—Sophia Gardens**—American Curtis Ramsey beat British and Commonwealth welterweight champion Colin Jones, 147, referee Adrian Morgan disqualifying Jones in round three for allegedly hitting Ramsey when he was down.

This decision will be talked about for a long time. In the first place, it took away Jones' unbeaten record after a 20-fight run.

In the second place, some thought the blow responsible for Jones' disqualification was only of the glancing variety, and did no damage. *Boxing News*, the weekly trade newspaper of British boxing, referred to the blow as "innocuous," and said it "did little more than graze the American's head."

In that same paper, referee Morgan was quoted as saying: "The shot hit Ramsey's neck and caused him to spin 'round and smack his head on the canvas. He was concussed, not as a result of the blow, but as a result of hitting his head on the floor. If I hadn't disqualified Jones, I would have considered myself a bent referee.

Ramsey impressed in the early stages, jabbing accurately and bringing his uppercut into play at close quarters. Jones took a few minutes to find his range, then started firing back with left hooks. Some of them were off target, but one in particular brought a grunt from the recipient.

Jones was punching more accurately in round three—and hard enough for Ramsey to try and get in close to nullify the effect. At 2:32 of the round, he was sent reeling backwards from a couple of left hooks to the body—only to have the referee indicate he thought Jones' punches had been delivered with the inside of the glove. As Ramsey slid to the canvas, over came the punch that caused Jones to be ruled out.

"It was just a tap on the head as he went down," said Colin afterwards. "You should be asking him how his ribs felt."

An unsatisfactory ending, and Jones must be anxious to get Ramsey into the ring for a return as soon as possible.

Colin's brother, Peter Jones, 119, Gorseinon, made his pro debut by halting Michael Wilkie in the fourth round. The bout was stopped after the latter had been decked.

Aneurin Williams, 174, Gilwen, outpointed Nigel Savory, 176, Leeds, six, 59½-57½.

Former Australian amateur star Micky Rowley, 138, outpointed Steve Pegler, 141, Swansea, six, 60-58½. Nobbins were tossed into the ring after the contest. Rowley now lives in Merthry.

David Miles, 128½, Merthyr, outscored Ian Murray, 127, Manchester, eight. 79-78½. Murray was down in round three.
(09-03-81)

RON OLVER

AFRICA

GHANA

▲ **ACCRA—National Sports Stadium**—Azumah Nelson, 124, Accra, won the vacant British Commonwealth featherweight crown by stopping Australia's Brian Roberts, also 124, in the fifth round of their scheduled 15-round title bout.

A thunderous left hook started Roberts on the way to defeat in the second. He was floored twice in the fourth round and two more times in the fifth before his manager-trainer threw the towel in at 1:32 of the latter session. Roy Ankrah, referee.

The new champion was presented with a giant Silver Cup by Dr. J.W.S. de-Graft Johnson, the vice president of Ghana.
Attendance—25,000.
(09-26-81)

SOUTH AFRICA

TRANSVAAL

▲ **JOHANNESBURG—Portuguese Hall**—Bruce McIntyre survived a knockdown just before the bell ended the seventh round, came back strongly, and knocked out Ruben Pardo, Argentina, with a right hand to the jaw in the ninth frame.

It was sweet revenge for the South African middleweight champion. Mac the Knife had dropped a hotly disputed decision to Pardo a year before.

In a rugged, "anything goes" type of fight, McIntyre made a good start before fading in the middle rounds. He seemed to get his second wind in the eighth, and kayoed Pardo in the ninth.

Piet Crous, a rising young South African light heavyweight, stopped "Poison" Ivy Brown, U.S.A., with the American's corner throwing in the towel in the eighth round.

Brown had Crous on the canvas within 30 seconds of the opening round, but the tall, lean local lad fought back well to take the lead on points and smash Brown into the ropes with a right to the head in the eighth.

The American boxer was highly critical of the decision, and blamed his local cornermen for over reacting to the knockdown.
(10-03-81)

BERT BLEWETT

BRITISH COMMONWEALTH RATINGS

HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
Trevor Berbick (Canada)
1. John L. Gardner (England)
2. Gordon Ferris (No. Ireland)
3. Neville Meade (England)
4. Billy Aird (England)
5. Steve Aczel (Australia)
6. Maile Haumona (Tonga)
7. Conroy Nelson (Canada)
8. Stan McDermott (England)
9. Ken Lagusta (Canada)
10. David Pearce (Wales)

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
Lotte Mwale (Zambia)
1. Mustapha Wasajja (Uganda)
2. Murray Sutherland (Canada)
3. Chisanda Mutti (Zambia)
4. Gary Summerhays (Canada)
5. Tony Mundine (Australia)
6. Bunny Johnson (England)
7. Stan Bogovic (Australia)
8. John Odehiamba (Uganda)
9. Roddy McDonald (Canada)
10. Dennis Andries (England)

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Tony Sibson (England)
1. Alan Minter (England)
2. Ralph Hollett (Canada)
3. Roy Gumbs (St. Kitts)
4. Fernand Marcotte (Canada)
5. Alex Sua (New Zealand)
6. Wally Carr (Australia)
7. Eddie Burke (Scotland)
8. Monty Betham (New Zealand)
9. Mack Truck (Canada)
10. Eddie Smith (England)

LIGHT MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Kenny Bristol (Guyana)
1. Maurice Hope (England)
2. Ayub Kalule (Uganda)
3. Wayne Caplette (Canada)
4. Herol Graham (England)
5. Pat Thomas (St. Kitts)
6. Dave (Boy) Green (England)
7. Steve Dennis (Australia)
8. Elisha Obed (Bahamas)
9. Steve Hopkin (England)
10. Chris Christian (England)

WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Colin Jones (Wales)
1. Kirkland Laing (England)
2. Frank Ropis (Australia)
3. Sakarai Ve (Fiji)
4. Mark Harris (Guyana)
5. Josef Nsubuga (Uganda)
6. Fitzroy Giuseppe (Belize)
7. Lloyd Hibbert (England)
8. Lachie Austin (Australia)
9. Dave Barago (Australia)
10. Reggie Ford (Guyana)

LIGHT WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Obisia Nwankpa (Nigeria)
1. Lennox Blackmoore (Guyana)
2. Clinton McKenzie (England)
3. Steve Early (England)
4. Des Morrison (England)
5. Sylvester Mittee (St. Lucia)
6. Mike Parsons (Trinidad)
7. Ken Buchanan (Scotland)
8. Peter Berrigan (Australia)
9. Chris Sanigar (England)
10. Nick Furlano (Canada)

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Barry Michael (Australia)
1. Langton Tinago (Zimbabwe)
2. Charlie Nash (No. Ireland)
3. Hogan Jimoh (Nigeria)
4. Claude Noel (Trinidad)
5. Ray Cattouse (England)
6. John Summerhays (Canada)
7. George Feeney (England)
8. Dave McCabe (Scotland)
9. Davidson Andeh (Nigeria)
10. Ricky Beaumont (England)

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Patrick Ford (Guyana)
1. Pat Cowdell (England)
2. Jimmy Flint (England)
3. Charm Chiteule (Zambia)
4. Brian Roberts (Australia)
5. Jey Nardo (Zimbabwe)
6. Gerry Williams (Australia)
7. Leonard Pinnock (Canada)
8. Thomas Gourley (Canada)
9. Vernon Penprase (England)
10. Azumah Nelson (Nigeria)

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
Paul Ferreri (Australia)
1. John Feeney (England)
2. Mike Irungu (Kenya)
3. Dave Smith (England)
4. Davy Larmour (No. Ireland)
5. Francis Musankabala (Zambia)
6. Stix Macloud (Zimbabwe)
7. Gary Nickels (England)
8. Young Ali (Nigeria)
9. Jimmy Bowen (Australia)
10. Wayne Mulholland (Australia)

FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
Stephen Muchoki (Kenya)
1. Charlie Magri (England)
2. Steve Bell (Australia)
3. Ray Amoo (Nigeria)
4. Pedro Solo (Australia)
5. John Hipwell (Australia)
6. Kelvin Smart (Wales)
7. Dave George (Wales)
8. Junior Thompson (Australia)
9. Sam Eme (Nigeria)
10. Attah Yeboah (Ghana)

John Aba (Papua) is the junior lightweight champion. Contenders: Kazeen Armah (Nigeria), Tiger Mann (Papua), Billy Moeller (Australia), Willi Tarika (Fiji), Big Jim West (Australia).

ORIENT

JAPAN

▲ **TOKYO—Korakuen Hall**—Masaharu Inami, 108, retained his Japanese national junior flyweight title with a shutout unanimous decision over veteran Puma Koya, also 108, 10.

Inami's performance disappointed his fans, who came to see him hit (albiet softly) "without being hit." Instead, traded shots in close with Puma, a well known infighter. The 5'3" Masaharu was successful, though, and upped his record to 16-1-1 with four kayoes. Puma, also 5'3" and three years the champion's senior at 26, is 16-25-2 with four knockouts.

Scoring: referee Takeshi Shimakawa and judge Shoji Nakamori, both 100-94; judge Ken Morita, 100-95.

Kenji Shibata, 160, won the vacant national middleweight crown with a unanimous decision over Caesar Sasaki, 167, 10.

The bout went on with the JBC ruling that, since Sasaki had come in seven pounds over the weight limit, Shibata would be the new champ if he won, but the title would be vacant if Sasaki was the winner. The 5'10¾" Shibata, a southpaw, dropped the sluggish six-foot Sasaki in the first and fourth rounds, winning by unanimous decison.

Scoring: referee Takeo Ugo, 100-91; judge Hiroyuki Tezaki, 99-91; judge Takeshi Shimakawa, 100-94.

The 28-year-old Shibata is now 28-8-4 with 16 kayoes. Sasaki, 23, is 14-2 with eight knockouts.

Hiroshi Gonohe, 126, the WBA's seventh ranked junior feather, won a unanimous decision over Yasuhide Takahashi, also 126, after 10 dull rounds.

Gonohe, who entered the WBA's top 10 by knocking out the glass jawed Yu Kasahara in his last fight, is now 5-0 in the pro ranks. He still looks amateurish. Hiroshi dropped Yashuhide with a right hand in the first round, but did not know how to follow up. The fight developed into a monotonous affair, with Gonohe chasing and Takahashi retreating. The loser counterpunched , however, and the winner's nostrils were streaming blood from the first session to the end.

Gonohe has scored three kayoes in his five contests. Takahashi's log is 13-9 with nine knockouts. Scoring: referee Tezaki, 99-95; judges Morita and Nakamori, 98-96 and 99-95, respectively.

Four-rounders: Teruhiro Furubayashi, 129¼, halted Masayuki Sakogashira, 130, at 2:58 of the first round. Kenji Ono, 107¾, ran his record to 3-0-1 (two kayoes) with a shutout unanimous decision over Makoto Kano, 108. Kentoku Nakama, 106½, won a unanimous verdict over Kazuo Hatakeyama, 107¾, in a battle of southpaws. Yoshito Sueki, 107¼, floored Kazumasa Kohashigawa, 106, with a flurry and won via unanimous decision in the opener.

The four-round bouts were part of the *Shinjin-o* (Novice King) East-Japan Zone tournament.

Kyoei Kawai Promotions. TBS-TV.
Attendance—2,000.
(08-03-81)

▲ **TOKYO—Korakuen Hall**—Promising Koji Kobayashi, 116, a 5'7" junior bantam, made good use of his long reach to outjab and outpunch veteran Jiro Takada, 115¼, and stop him at 2:15 of the seventh in a scheduled 10-round bout.

The lanky Kobayashi was in complete command all the way. Takada took a standing eight-count in the sixth round, and his manager, Tetsuro, threw the towel in in the next session.

Scoring after six rounds: referee Hiroyuki Tezaki, and judges Yusaku Yoshida and Ken Morita, all 60-53, Kobayashi. Koji, 24, a south paw, has to learn to put more weight behind his punches.

Kobayashi is now 14-1-2 with 10 kayoes. Takada, 28, is 33-19-4 with 16 knockouts. Takada formerly fought under the name of Yuji Oka.

Takashi Nakayama, 111¾, won a majority (80-78, 79-78, and 78-78) decision over Kazuyoshi Funaki, also 111¾, eight. Nakayama's fast, but he can't break an egg, and Funaki was coming off of a long lay-off. Takashi, 24, is now 6-1-1. Funaki, 25, is 9-11-2 with three knockouts.

Kiyomasa Kato, 139½, stopped Ryutaro Otsuki, 140, on a bad cut on the forehead at 1:33 of the fifth round in the second eight. Kato was lucky, as Otsuki had dropped him with solid one-twos in the second and fourth rounds.

Kato is now 6-3-1 with three kayoes. Otsuki is 5-4-1 with four knockouts.

The evening's first eight-rounder saw Mitsuo Imazato, 115, overwhelm skinny Noritetsu Kato, 114½, floor him with strong combos, and halt him at 2:59 of the fourth.

Toshiaki Nakamoto, 130, knocked out Masaharu Owada, also 130, with a right cross in 3:08 of the second in a scheduled six-rounder. Owada had befuddled Nakamoto with his jab up to that time, and had, in fact, floored him earlier in the same session.

Four-rounders: Sumito Urayama, 111¾, making his pro debut, was knocked cold by Masakatsu Sakuma, 111½, in 1:13 of the first session. Urayama was carried out on a stretcher and was immediately hospitalized. He passed away, however, six days later, August 10. We sincerely mourn this young man's death. Tadanori Ozaki, 115, won a majority decision over Katsuhiko Hasegawa, 114½. Akihiko Watabe, 111¼, stopped Mikaku Koo, 112, at 1:42 of the third canto. Ikuo Watanabe, 106¾, halted Kazunori Maeyama, also 106¾, at 1:13 of the first round in the opener.

Kadoebi Promotions. TV Asahi.

Attendance—2,200.

(08-04-81)

▲ **NATORI CITY—City Gymnasium—**Hikaru Tomonari, 130, retained his Japanese national junior lightweight crown by stopping Ken Sogo, 129, with a wicked left to the midsection in 0:32 of the sixth round in a scheduled 10. It was the 5'8" Tomonari's second title defense.

Scoring after five: referee Ken Morita and judge Takeaki Kanaya, both 50-44; judge Takeo Ugo, 50-43—all in the champ's favor.

Tomonari is an unsteady performer—sometimes very sharp, but occasionally poor and mediocre. Why the WBA rates him the number one junior lightweight in the world is something this reporter cannot understand.

Tomonari, 25, is now 19-4-1 with 10 kayoes. Sogo, 28, is 10-22-1 with seven knockouts.

Unbeaten *Shinjin-o* winner Kazuo Osamu, 117½, won a close but unanimous decision over durable Masayuki Kirisaki, 118, 10. Scoring: referee Takeo Ugo, 98-95; judges Kazunobu Asao and Takeaki Kanaya, 98-96 and 99-96, respectively.

Katsuhiko Fukugomori, 113¾, outscored Saburo Tobii, 113½, six.

Four-rounders: Takashi Komatsu, 116½, stopped Hideki Azuhata, 121½, at 2:35 of the first session. Hiroshi Osuga, 133½, halted Toru Sato, 134½, at 2:53 of the first. Mitsuru Nanamegi, 120¾, outscored Shoichi Nozawa, 121¾, in the opener.

Shin-Nippon Kimura Promotions. No telecast.

Attendance—1,600.

(08-04-81)

▲ **FUJISAWA CITY—Chichibunomiya Memorial Gymnasium—**Michihiro Horihata, 154, retained his Japanese national junior middle crown with a unanimous decision over Kazumi Nakao, 151½, 10. Scoring: referee Yusaku Yoshida, 98-96; judge Shoji Nakamori, 99-95; judge Takeshi Shimakawa, 99-97.

Horihata, a southpaw, has now defended his title six times. Nakao, three inches shorter than the champ, has now lost eight straight bouts.

Tetsumi Takeshita, 108¼, TKO'd Masao Sugawara, 110, at 2:14 of round five in a scheduled eight. Takeshita, the former Japanese high school champ, is called a "second Gushiken" by his adherents. He's now 4-0 with three kayoes in the pro ranks. Sugawara is 6-8 with one knockout.

Four-rounders: Tadashi Kuramochi, 106½, stopped Chiyotake Mizoguchi, 107¾, at 1:15 of the second. Toshiro Otsuka, 114, halted Wasaku Tsubouchi, 114¾, at 1:12 of the second. Masami Inagaki, 129, outscored Daisuke Sakai, 129¾. Tomoatsu Okura, 128¾, halted Chuji Takahashi, also 128¾, at 2:38 of the first canto. Jitsuo Iwazaki, 128¾, kayoed Shiro Kawasaki, 129½, in 0:43 of the first in the opener.

Kyoei Yamagami Promotions. No telecast.

Attendance—2,000.

(08-06-81)

▲ **OSAKA—Sakuranomiya Skating Rink—**This card consisted of *Shinjin-o* (Novice King) four-rounders.

Nobuo Onishi, 129, won a shutout unanimous decision over Tomoharu Ogawa, also 129. Tomikazu Kaneshiro, 128¾, won a unanimous verdict over Mikihiro Kawakami, 130. Shinji Shinagawa, 128½, eked out a split (double 39-38 for him and 38-40 for his rival) decision over Kenji Miyagi, 128½. Manabu Niwazukino, 117, floored Shuichi Yano, also 117, and referee Matsumoto called a halt at 2:14 of the third round. Takuya Tsuji, 112¾, won a close decision over Toshifumi Aoki, 114. Shori Horie, 106½, fought to a split draw (39-39, 39-38, and 39-40) with Yoichi Yuda, 105¾, (Horie was, however, given the official designation to go on to the next bout in the *Shinjin-o* tourney.) Hirokazu Yamashita, 106, used his superior speed to score a shutout points win over southpaw Hiroo Tsuchiya, 105, in the opener.

West-Japan *Shinjin-o* Committee. No telecast.

Attendance—700.

(08-08-81)

▲ **TOKYO—Korakuen Hall—**Southpaw Jiro Watanabe, 114¾, won a lopsided unanimous decision over Kwang-Sok Lee, also 114¾, Korea, after 10 dull rounds of boxing.

Scoring: referee Ken Morita, 100-92; judges Takeo Ugo and Takeshi Shimakawa, both 100-93. Watanabe is now 12-1 with eight kayoes. Lee is 10-4-1 with two knockouts.

The bill's second 10-round contest saw Freddie Mason, 128¼, win an upset split decision over previously unbeaten Yoshimitsu Azato, 130. The 5'9" Azato, 21, was a heavy favorite against the 33-year-old Kenyan (now living in Osaka), and almost floored the old soldier with straight lefts and rights in the first two rounds. As the bout progressed, however, Azato ran out of gas, and Mason came on with rough blows to the face and body. Mason, a southpaw, took the fifth and sixth rounds by slight margins. Azato, exhausted, fought back hard to win the eighth, but Mason battered him to win the last two sessions. Scoring: referee Shoji Ichikawa and judge Kazunobu Asao, 99-97 and 98-94, respectively, for Mason; judge Takeshji Shimakawa, 99-98, Azato.

Mason is now 14-12 with nine knockouts. Azato is 8-1-1 with five kayoes.

The evening's first 10-rounder saw Kenichi Ito, 124, kayo previously undefeated Tomoharu Yamamoto, 124½, in 0:53 of the sixth session. Yamamoto, 20, was looked on as a good prospect. He has speed, skill, and power, but Ito was simply too aggressive. Yamamoto should have used his jab more frequently to keep Ito at bay. The youngster is now 7-1 with six knockouts. Ito, 25, improves to 19-6-2 with 11 kayoes. Takeo Ugo, referee.

Lanky Satoshi Okuma, 122, halted Hiroyuki Yamashita, 121½, at 0:39 of the seventh in a scheduled eight-rounder. Okuma is now 8-4-1 with three kayoes. Yamashita is 7-3.

Four-rounders: Hajime Shimomura, 117, stopped Kazuto Nobuhara, 117½, at 2:20 of the first round. Naka Nakazawa, 125¼, won a unanimous decision over Yoshio Shishikura, 126. Takashi Sengoku, 130, outscored Koichi Mita, also 130, in a close bout. Ryoji Shuto, 130, won a hairline unanimous decision over Kazuto Isezuka, 128¾. Hiroshi Mizuno, 117½, stopped Kunio Takanami, also 117½, at 1:59 of the third round in the opener.

Kyoei Promotions. Nippon TV.

Attendance—1,500.

(08-09-81)

▲ **ICHIHARA CITY—Seaside Gymnasium—**Ryuya Moriyasu, 136¼, scored an upset kayo over Eiichi Fukumoto, 140, to win the latter's national junior welterweight title.

Fukumoto, 27, battered the breadbasket of the challenger throughout the first three rounds. Moriyasu, 28, took everything, however, and came back to chase the champion from corner to corner with incessant punches in the eighth round. Fukumoto took a standing eight-count, but the challenger was on the champ again in the next session. Fukumoto was hung on the ropes in a corner when referee Yusaku Yoshida counted him out at 0:40 of the ninth.

Two of the official scoresheets favored the champ after eight rounds. Referee Yusaku Yoshida had the bout dead even, 77-77, but the judges, Ken Morita and Kodai Kumazaki, carded 78-76 and 78-77, respectively, for Fukumoto. Many wonder who—or what—made the WBA rate Fukumoto in its top 10. He hadn't beaten any internationally rated fighters.

Katsuyoshi Kitsumoto, 142½, won a majority (79-78, 78-77, and 77) decision over Nobutaka Kuwada, 141¾, eight. Kitsumoto ran out of gas in the late rounds to lose the very close decision.

Yuto Kazaki, 115, outscored Kazuo Katsuma, 114, six.

Four-rounders: Takashi Suzuki, 116½, outpointed Yukiteru Sunagawa, 118. Shoji Hamaya, 108, outscored Hideto Osanai, 107½. Masahiro Sakoo, 128, outpointed Isamu Suzuki, 128¾. Kazuo Fujihira, 121½, and Kanji Itsukaichi, 122, drew in the card opener.

S.B. Ishimaru Promotions. Fuji TV.

Attendance—2,000.

(08-27-81)

▲ **TOKYO—Korakuen Hall—**Kenyan import Modest (Yushin) Napunyi, 127½, won a majority decision over Fusao Imai, 128, the JBC's fourth ranked conteder, six. Scoring: referee Hiroyuki Tezaki, 59-58; judge Ken Morita, 59-57; judge Shoji Nakamori, 58-58.

Napunyi, who was making his pro debut, compiled an 84-6 log as an amateur, with 26 stoppages. He kept Imai, a former *Shinjin-o* tourney winner, at bay with his stinging left in every round except the third. The lanky Napunyi is 23 years old.

Another Kenyan import, Isiah (Yonekura) Ikhoni, 133¾, knocked out Kaneatsu Yamamoto, 134, with a wicked right hand to the temple in 2:22 of the first round in their scheduled six. Ikhoni, 21, was making his pro debut. He was 55-5, with 15 kayoes, as a simon pure.

Napunyi and Ikhoni were both gold medalists in the King's Cup amateur international tournament before coming to Japan. It's unusual to have two novices making their pro debuts form the two main features of a program, but the splendid showings

JAPANESE RATINGS BY THE JAPANESE BOXING COMMISSION (AS OF NOVEMBER 4, 1981)

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Kenji Shibata
1. Caesar Sasaki
2. Gensui Murakami
3. Keitoku Chirima
4. Kenji Miyata

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Michihiro Horihata
1. Katsuhiro Sawada
2. Yohi Arai
3. Kazuhiko Yasuda
4. Masahide Kitamura
5. Mamoru Taira

WELTERWEIGHTS
Championship
Vacant
1. Dynamite Matsuo
2. Mitsuo Kushikino
3. Ikuya Toshinai
4. Katsuyoshi Kitsumoto
5. Kazumi Nakao

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Tatsuya Moriyasu
1. Minoru Sugiya
2. Noboru Hatakeyama
3. Eiichi Fukumoto
4. Kazunori Shiratori
5. Hidekazu Akai
6. Nobutaka Kuwata
7. Tadashi Suginaga
8. Kiyomasa Kato
9. Ryutaro Otsuki
10. Kiyotaro Chinen

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Battle Hawk Kazama
1. Jyoken Narita
2. Tadao Ishido
3. Katsuhiro Okubo
4. Hayao Shiba
5. Tsunehiro Fuchiwaki
6. Kaneatsu Yamamoto
7. Norio Maruuchi
8. Keizo Kurebayashi
9. Takashi Sugimoto
10. Hammer Itoi

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
Championship
Vacant
1. Freddie Mensah
2. Ryu Fakida
3. Takeshi Hamada
4. Yoshimitsu Azato
5. Katsuji Sano
6. Masa Ito
7. Yoshitaka Ikehara
8. Blazer Okubo
9. Ken Sogo
10. Masahiro Takagi

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Spider Nemoto
1. Koichi Matsushima
2. Tomio Nakamura
3. Johnny Fujimoto
4. Fusao Imai
5. Gen Tosa
6. Kuniyoshi Kuwabara
7. Yasuhide Takahashi
8. Kosei Kawaguchi
9. Tomoharu Yamamoto
10. Yoshiharu Watanabe

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Hiroyuki Iwamoto
1. Bunji Ando
2. Yu Kasahara
3. Toshiyuki Tanaka
4. Kenichi Ito
5. Sanji Ito
6. Dragon Hayakawa
7. Keiji Kawamura
8. Naoki Kobayashi
9. Condor Yamamoto
10. Eijiro Kuruma

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Championship
Vacant
1. Hitoshi Ishigaki
2. Hideharu Mitsui
3. Tsuguyuki Toma
4. Katsuyuki Ohashi
5. Masaru Yamamoto
6. Jiro Takada
7. Hideyuki Kawai
8. Takashi Uezu
9. Ryu Takeshi
10. Masayuki Kirisaki

JUNIOR BANTAMWEIGHTS
Championship
Vacant
1. Satoru Koguchi
2. Tsutomu Itokazu
3. Hiroyuki Kobayashi
4. Hitoshi Ohashi
5. Kazumi Sato
6. Kiyoshi Oyama
7. Osamu Kazuo
8. Yasuo Azato
9. Kazuhiko Kawahira
10. No Listing

FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
Kazumasa Tamaki
1. Shigeo Nakajima
2. Koji Kobayashi
3. Koichi Maki
4. Toshihiro Okumoto
5. Yoshiyuki Uchikoshi
6. Masaru Fuji
7. Shinji Takagi
8. Mitsuo Imazato
9. Tetsumi Takeshisa
10. Masahiro Yanagiya

JUNIOR FLYWEIGHTS
Championship
Vacant
1. Tadashi Tomori
2. Hiroyuki Tada
3. Puma Koya
4. Phoenix Taniguchi
5. Yoshiaki Kanda
6. Takashi Nakayama
7. Kazuyoshi Funaki
8. Rikuo Watanabe
9. Katsumi Sato
10. Road Mitsuru

Japanese boxers holding OPBF titles: Tadashi Mihara (junior middleweight), Royal Kobayashi (featherweight), Eijiro Murata (bantamweight).

Other Japanese boxers rated by world boxing organizations: Eiichi Fukumoto (#3 WBA junior welterweight), Akio Kameda (#1 WBA junior welterweight; #4 WBC), Yasutsune Uehara (#8 WBA junior lightweight; #9 WBC), Hikaru Tomonari (#1 WBA junior lightweight), Hiroshi Gonohe (#4 WBA junior featherweight), Syuichi Isogami (#5 WBA bantamweight), Hurricane Teru (#3 WBA bantamweight; #5 WBC), Jackal Maruyama (#10 WBC junior bantamweight), Jiro Watanabe (#7 WBC junior bantamweight), Shoji Oguma (#5 WBC junior bantamweight), Nobuyuki Watanabe (#7 WBA flyweight), Syuichi Hozumi (#6 WBA flyweight), Koki Ishii (#2 WBA flyweight), Masaharu Inami (#9 WBC junior flyweight), Katsuo Tokashiki (#2 WBA junior flyweight; #10 WBC).

of both boxers justified the billing. Both young men look very promising. They belong to Japan's Yonekura Club.

Lanky Masahiro Takagi, 127, dropped Shogo Tabata, 126¾, twice and stopped him at 2:04 of the sixth round in a scheduled eight.

Four-rounders: Kenichi Saito, 114¼, knocked out Tadanori Saito, also 114¼, in 1:26 of the first round. Takeshi Mitsuru, 121½, kayoed Kazuto Nakahira, also 121½, in 2:55 of the first. Shinroku Koita, 108, looked sharp decisioning Yoshito Sueki, 107. Joji Nogi, 107, stopped Hitoshi Ogino, 108, at 2:55 of the second. (The preceding four-round bouts were part of the *Shinjin-o* tourney in the East-Japan zone.) Koji Matsunaga, 118, stopped Tatsutoshi Kato, 117, at 1:42 of the second. Ryuji Ikeda, 109, outpointed Ken Harada, 109½, in the opener.

Yonekaru Promotions. TV Asahi.

Attendance—1,200.

(09-01-81)

▲ **NAGOYA—Fukiage Hall—**Spider Nemoto, 126, retained his Japanese national featherweight title for the 11th time with a close but unanimous decision over local favorite Hirokazu Fukui, 125¼, 10. Scoring: referee Takaomi Ito and judge Koichi Ushida, both 100-97; judge Masao Kato, 100-98.

Nemoto is now 39-8-2 with 15 kayoes. Fukui is 17-4-4 with six knockouts.

Takayuki Shimoda, 122½, won a unanimous decision over Shinji Futamura, 125½, eight.

Kiyoto Matsumura, 111¾, halted Noriyuki Mizuno, 110¼, at 1:02 of the second round in a scheduled six to win the Central-Japan zone *Shinjin-o* flyweight title. Matsumura is now 2-0—both kayoes.

Masahiro Yamamoto, 117½, came back from an early knockdown to drop Takashi Yokoseki, 116½, twice and stop him at 1:27 of the first round in their scheduled six. Yamamoto won the Central-Japan zone *Shinjin-o* bantamweight title in this bout—a thriller.

Hiroyuki Katayama, 121½, kayoed Masayuki Inoue, 120¾, in 1:27 of the first round in their scheduled six to win the Central-Japan *Shinjin-o* junior feather title.

Yoshinori Hotta, 145¾, halted Munekazu Nishimura, 145, in 1:47 of the first to win the Central-Japan zone welter crown. This bout was scheduled for four instead of the usual six due to the boys' lack of experience.

The following three four-round bouts were Central-Japan zone *Shinjin-o* tourney semi-finals: Hiroyuki Aikata, 107¼, outscored Kazuhisa Koyama, 107. Seiji Nishida, 107¼, stopped Seiryo Sugimura, 107, at 0:38 of the first round. Fumio Nada, 132¾, at 1:35 of the first frame in the opener.

There were two other four-round contests: Impalace Kushimoto, 124½, stopped Shintaro Jo, 124, at 2:08 of the fourth and final session. Ryoji Fukumoto, 124, halted Hideki Godai, 122¾, at 2:10 of the first.

Yasutaka Kanie's Tokoname Promotions.

Attendance—2,000.

(09-01-81)

▲ **TSUCHIURA—Sports Center—**Kazuhiko Yasuda, 153½, halted veteran Mamoru Taira, 157¾, at 1:55 of the fourth round in a scheduled 10. Yasuda, 18, is now 6-2 with four kayoes. Taira, who has lost his last few bouts by kayoes, had better hang 'em up for safety's sake.

Masanori Omori, 149½, stopped Yoshimori Hirayama, 150, at 1:45 of the third round in a scheduled six.

Four-rounders: Lanky Tamasaburo Yamada, 106, outscored Takao Ogaki, 106¾. Takahiro Masaki, 107¾, floored Yukinori Onishi, 108, in the first round and won via unanimous (all cards 39-38) decision. Kazuo Nakata, 125¼, and Hisashi Ishikawa, 126, drew. Toshio Matsuda, 117, floored Kenji Tanaka, 117½, in the second and third frames and won via unanimous decision. Yuji Koike, 110¾, won a unanimous verdict over Mitsuo Omori, 111¼, in the opener.

Shin-Nippon Boxing Group. No telecast.

Attendance—1,700.

(09-05-81)

▲ **TOKYO—Korakuen Hall—**Japanese national welterweight champion Akio Kameda, 145¾, the WBA's top contender in the junior welter class, retained his throne with a close unanimous decision over Mitsuo Kushikino, also 145¾, 10. Kameda, though, was floored in the ninth session, and his showing demonstrated just how ridiculous the WBA's rating of him is.

Kameda, 24, a southpaw, is now 17-0 with 14 kayoes. Kushikino, from Osaka, is 14-12 with 12 knockouts. Kameda is to meet world junior welterweight champion Aaron Pryor in a WBA mandatory title defense. The Cincinnati Kid, it seems, will have an easy time with the glass-jawed Akio.

Kameda, how about meeting Kushikino again before your crack at Pryor?

Ikuyoshi Kuwabara, 126, halted Sok-Tae Yun, 126¾, the KBC's ninth round featherweight, at 2:05 of round six in the scheduled 10-round semi-final.

Tricky Katsuji Sano, 132½, won a unanimous decision over quick moving southpaw Yoshitaka Ikehara, also 132½, 10. Scoring: referee Ken Morita, 99-95; judge Shoichi Uchida, 99-96; judge Kazunobu Asao, 98-97.

Seitaro Chine, 135, eked out a split decision over brutal Nobuyuki Chisaka, 134¼, eight.

Undefeated Takamichi Yamaga, 111¼, stopped Makoto Fujishima, also 111¼, at 2:40 of the sixth and final round. Yamaga, the East-Japan zone *Shinjin-o* tournament flyweight winner, failed to show up on the day of the All-Japan finals. The JBC has probably forgiven Takamichi.

Four-rounders: Kazuo Sawada, 110¼, halted Yoshitoyo Yamashiro, also 110¼ at 0:29 of the second. Rusher Kawaguchi, 125, won a unanimous decision over Fujio Nakayama, also 125, in the opener.

Shoji Yoshikawa's Tetsuwa Kaihin Promotions. TBS TV.

Attendance—1,800.

(09-07-81)

▲ **TOKYO—Korakuen Hall—**Koki Ishii, 111, the WBA's second ranked flyweight, suffered the first knockdown of his career in the fourth round of his scheduled 10-round bout with Shinji Takagi, also 111. He got up and fought back hard, however, and his combinations caused referee Yusaku Yoshida to stop the bout at 2:20 of the same session.

Ishii took the first two rounds, and dropped Takagi twice with right hands in the fourth frame. Takagi, however, suddenly turned loose with a wicked left, putting Ishii on his trunks for the compulsory eight-count. Ishii then got up and fought back till the bout was halted.

Takagi claimed the stoppage was a little premature. It may have been. At any rate, we got a look at Ishii's glass jaw, which hadn't been detected in his other fights. He was shaken up too often by Takagi's light but on-the-money blows.

Ishii, the son of an Black American father and a Japanese mother, is now 9-0 with five kayoes. Takagi is 7-3 with four knockouts.

Yoshiaki Kanda, 110¾, looked impressive stopping Mutsuo Watanabe, 111, at 1:38 of the seventh in their scheduled 10-rounder. Kanda is piloted by former world champ Fighting Harada.

Four-rounders: Daisuke Sakai, 128, halted Chuji Takahashi, 129¼, at 0:49 of the first round. Hirotaka Ishida, 121½, floored Kazunori Masuda, 122, in round two en route to a unanimous decision. Crafty Kazuhiro Matsuda, 117, outpointed Shigeru Iwaki, 117¾. Southpaw Kozburo Ichihara, 129½, stopped Masami Inatomi, 129, at 0:58 of the first session. Yoshinori Uniwa, 129½, halted Jitsuo Iwasaki, 128¼, at 1:39 of the first. Takamori Morioka, 128, knocked out Tomoatsu Yara, 129, in 1:45 of the third round. Hiroshi Iijima, 117¼, stopped Satoshi Takahashi, 117½, in 2:00 of the first. Kazuyoshi Hirai, 114¼, halted Teruyuki Shimada, 115, at 2:28 of the second. The last seven bouts were part of the *Shinjin-o* tournaments.

Hisanao Masudo's Nitto Promotions. TV Asahi.

Attendance—1,800.

(09-08-81)

▲ **OSAKA—Sakuranomiya Skating Rink—**Toru Nakanishi, 160, and Keiichi Nakatani, 156½, drew, six. Nakanishi, however, was selected to advance in the *Shinjin-o* tourney, and will meet the middleweight winner in the Kyushu Zone. Toru, then, is "almost like the winner" in the Western Zone.

Another Western Zone *Shinjin-o* final saw lightweight Hiroshi Shimizu, 131, declared "winner" after he was held to a split (58-57, 56-58, and 57-57) draw by Takeyoshi Tanaka, 132¾, six.

Unbeaten Hideo Sakamoto, 112, was behind on points when his opponent, Nagakazu Kameya, 111½, retired in his corner after the fourth round. This was the scheduled six-round flyweight West-Japan Zone final.

Four-rounders: Masahiro Hirayama, 145½, won a close but unanimous decision over Nobuyuki Yanagi, 144. Hideo Iwamoto, 139¾, made his pro debut by stopping Hiroji Iwamoto, 138, at 2:44 of the first round. Hiroji was also making his pro debut. Suejiro Kuramura, 129¾, won a split decision over Shinji Onishi, 128½. Shinji Shinagawa, 127½, kayoed Tomikazu Kaneshiro, also 127½, in 2:08 of the third session. Takuya Muguruma, 125½, won a lopsided decision over Tadashi Kawano, 125. Ken Matsuyama, 122, made his pro debut by stopping Hitoshi Iwamoto, 121, at 2:31 of the first round. Manabu Niwazukino, 116, stopped Keiichi Nakagawa, 115¾, at 2:44 of the second. Tatsuo Takao, 114, won a unanimous decision over Takuya Tsuji, 114. Masato Sato, 106½, a southpaw, eked out a majority decision over Yoichi Yuda, 105¼. Takefumi Taiho, 106½, won a split duke over Hiroyasu Yamashita, 106, in the opener.

West Japan Shinjin-o Committee.

Attendance—800.

(09-12-81)

▲ **HOFU—Public Hall—**Isamu Nakabayashi, 115¼, halted Katsumi Ishizu, 115, at 2:37 of the first round in their scheduled six-round main event.

Four-rounders: Tatsunari Hisahiro, 122, outpointed Yozo Ito, 120¼. Atsushi Yamaguchi, 126, stopped Hirohiko Yamagata, 123¼, at 1:41 of the third round. Tsutomu Sakumoto, 127½, outpointed Masa Takene, 129¼. Tadamasa Akiyama, 139½, outscored Tadashi Maruo, 138½. Koichi Minami, 110¼, outpointed Hatsuo Mitsudo, 112. Masaji Fujiwara, 139¼, knocked out Shiro Kumamoto, 139, in 1:31 of the second. Moriyuki Akaboshi, 110¼, outscored Shige Ikeda, 110½. Hidemitsu Takemoto, 132, outpointed Minoru Nagata, 132½, in the curtain raiser.

Masa Ito's Yamaguchi Kyoei Promotions.

(09-13-81)

▲ **SANJO CITY—Welfare Arena—**Eijiro Murata retained his OPBF bantamweight title with a unanimous decision over Billy Abato, Philippines, 12.

Murata, 24, floored his rival with a well-timed right in the first session. He was not able to finish him, however, partly due to Abato's durability and partly because the challenger kept butting.

Scoring: referee Hiroyuki Tezaki and judge Takeo Ugo (both Japan) both 120-112; judge Alfredo Casiyon (Philippines), 118-112.

Murata is now 19-0-2 with 11 kayoes. Abato, 27, is 34-7-4.

Naoki Kobayashi, 124½, won a shutout (all cards 80-77) decision over East Ogiwara, 125, eight. Kobayashi, Murata's stablemate, was ranked seventh in the junior featherweight division by the JBC.

Hiroshi Osumi, 135, knocked Kazuaki Hamada, 134½, down in the first round and kayoed him in 2:58 of the fourth canto in their scheduled six.

Makoto Taguchi, 119, halted Kenji Sakusu, 117½, at 2:09 of the fourth round in their scheduled six-rounder.

Yoshimu Oyama, standing 5'8" and weighing 117¾, eked out a hairline unanimous (all cards 39-38) decision over durable Takaharu Nishimura, 117¾, in the four-round opener. This was a *Shinjin-o* tourney contest.

Shigeji Kaneko, promotor. (Kaneko was born in Sanjo City.)

No telecast.

Attendance—3,000.

(09-10-81)

▲ **NOTES—**Yoko Gushiken, said to be the greatest Japanese ringman yet produced, has retired from the ring. His pro record was 23-1 with 15 kayoes, and his amateur log was 62-3 with 50 stoppages.

Yoko was born on June 26, 1955 in the southern Ishigaki Island of Okinawa. He won the All-Japan high school flyweight boxing crown in 1973 and, in May of the following year, made his pro debut by beating Koichi Maki in four rounds. In his ninth bout, Yoko dethroned WBA junior flyweight champion Juan Jose Guzman via a spectacular seventh round kayo.

Gushiken was named Japanese Fighter of the Year five times by the Tokyo Boxing Writers Club. In 1981, in his last battle, Yoko collapsed in the 12th round against Pedro Flores. He attempted to fight on, but his manager, Masaki Kanehira, threw the towel in.

Gushiken said, "I've lost my fighting spirit, so I decided to hang up the gloves. I feel melancholic, but relaxed. My best showing must have been the title winning kayo over Guzman. I'll never forget that victory. My toughest was my last fight, against Flores, but I fought hard, despite the result. I would like to concentrate on my business, managing an Okinawan restaurant (which serves native Okinawan dishes). I'm truly thankful for the public's cheers during my four and a half year reign as champ."

His fierce fighting, and frank personality, made fight fans love Yoko Gushiken.

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KOREA

▲ **TAEGU—Indoor Gymnasium—**Former WBC junior welterweight champion Sang-Hyun Kim, 146½, knocked out Leo Dolotallas, 147¾, Philippines, in 3:09 of the fourth session in a scheduled 10.

In-Chul Park, 154¼, the Korean Boxing Commission's top ranked junior middle, kayoed veteran Alberto Cruz, also 154¼, Philippines, in 2:00 of the third in their scheduled 10-round bout.

Four-rounders: Jin-Ho Kim, 134¼, halted Jan-Kwan Yuh, 135, at 0:45 of round two. Kwang Song, 142¾, outscored Jo-Hang Yim, 142. Dong-Chun Lee, 122½, outpointed Si-Man Ro, 124¼. Du-Bok Cha, 110¼, stopped Byoun-Hi Kang, 113½ at 1:45 of the second. Kwang-Shik Chai, 107½, outscored Joung-Oh Kim, 107¼, in the opener.

Lee-Hun Promotions.

(08-21-81)

▲ **SEOUL—Munhwa Gymnasium—**Soon-Hyun Chung, 121, demolished Filipino Danilo Inocian, 120¾, in 0:44 of the sixth canto in a scheduled 10-round affair. Chung, one of the best fighters in the Orient, dropped the durable Inocian on three occasions—in the second, in the third, and in the sixth for the full count. Chung, who lost a very controversial decision to Willie Lucas for the OPBF crown on November 21, 1980, looked impressive in this contest.

Former OPBF lightweight boss Young-Ho Oh, 136, stopped Deo Rabago, 135½, Philippines, in 1:54 of the first session in their scheduled 10-round bout.

Jun-Ho Bae, 127¾, won a unanimous decision over Jai-Mung Chai, 129, 10.

Jae-Mung Chai, 115½, knocked out Hyun Shik Lee, also 115½, in 2:01 of round three in a scheduled eight.

Four-rounders: Sang-Ton Lee, 122¼, outpointed Yuh-Shik Kim, 121½. Suk Ko, 117½, outpointed Jin-Wo Lee, 118¾. Su-Yung Chung, 124, beat Hyuan-Sun Shin, 124¼. Hi-Ryong Kim, 120½, outpointed Jang-Soo Kim, 121¼. Bong-Ho Lee, 116¾, outscored Ki-Ryong Kim, 117¾. Su-Kon Chang, 110, stopped Dai-Young Hong, 109¼, at 1:34 of the second in the opener.

Chung-Chang Promotions.

(08-23-81)

▲ **SEOUL—Munhwa Stadium—**Former Korean national lightweight champion Deuk-Koo Kim, 137¾, a sturdy southpaw, outscored Jun Escalera, 135½, Philippines, 10. Kim is now 13-1-1.

Seung-Soon Lee, 144½, outpointed Joe Lim, Philippines, 145¼, 10, welters.

Korean national junior featherweight champ Ki-Yung Chung, 122, retained his crown, outscoring Song-In Suh, 121, 10.

Dong-Soo Cha, 134, knocked out Myung-Su Song, 133, in 3:08 of the first round in a scheduled six.

Un-Ryong Kim, 112, and In-Kun Hwang drew, 110¾, six. Jong-Kwan An, 131¾, outpointed Nam-Hyun Kim, 130. Byong-Jun Kim, 127¼, and Sung-Ho Kim drew. Myung-Soo Park, 141¾, stopped Yung-Bay Kim, 141, at 2:04 of the first round in the opener.

Dong-A Promotions.

(08-16-81)

▲ **KWANGJOO—Indoor Gymnasium—**Korean bantamweight kingpin Moon-Kyun Joo, 114¾, retained his crown by knocking out Kwan-Sup Kim, 115, in 3:08 of the seventh round in their scheduled 10-round championship bout.

Chan-Yung Park, 116¾, outscored Hyung-Shik An, 118½, eight.

Four-rounders: Sung-Il Park, 116½, and Jong-Huk Yim, 115¼, drew. Jang-Soo Kim, 120, outscored Nam-Chul Shin, also 120. Soo-Young Kim, 130, and Jong-Hun Oh, 129¾, drew. Yong-Kyu Chai, 131¼, outscored Hak-Soo Kim, 130¼, in the opener.

Hyun-Dai Promotions

(08-13-81)

▲ **SEOUL—Munhwa Gymnasium—**Hwan-Kil Yuh, 128½, the OPBF's top featherweight contender, outscored Thai newcomer Polnyuth P. Punyuth, 127¼, 10.

Jae-Wook Kim, 124½, stopped Jin-Sok Chang, 124, at 1:44 of round six in a scheduled eight.

Byung-Sok Park, 134¾, decisioned Kyong-Jin Shin, 134½, eight.

Tai-Sang Chun, 117½, outpointed Hai-Youl Yang, 116½, six.

Four-rounders: Sang-Nam Ma, 109¼, outpointed Hwa-Kyu Lee, 109¾. Soo-Kon Chang, 114¼, outscored Du-Jun Shin, also 114¼. Kwang-Soo Chang, 127¾, outscored Ju-Ho Kim, 126¼. Dong-Oh Chung, 134, and Ja-Hwan Chai, 133¾, drew. Jae-Shik Lee, 109½, outpointed Joung-Sub Park, 109¾.

Wa-Ryong Promotions.
(08-09-81)

▲ **TAECHUN—Chungmu Gymnasium**—Tall and lanky Chung-Il Choi, 131, the WBC's top super featherweight (i.e., junior lightweight) contender, easily halted Erning Grafe, 130¾, Philippines, in 2:19 of the first round in a scheduled 10.

Jae-Han Hwang, 127½, stopped former Filipino national champ Dommy Marolena, 127¾, at 1:36 of the seventh frame in their scheduled 10.

Kwan-Ho Sung, 113, stopped Shinji Suga, also 113, at 1:46 of the sixth round in a scheduled eight.

Saeki Promotions.
(08-03-81)

▲ **SEOUL—Munhwa Gymnasium**—A sensational card of champions drew sellout business.

OPBF middleweight champion Chong-Pal Park, 161, the WAB's top contender (too high a rating, though), stopped Korean national junior middleweight ruler Sang-Ho Lee, 160½, a southpaw, at 1:39 of the ninth round in a scheduled 12-round non-title bout.

Mun-Jin Chai, 110¼, outscored Kun-Nam Kim, also 110¼, 10.

Korean middleweight champion Byung-Rae Yuh, 160¼, kayoed Sun-Kap Choi, 160½, in 0:42 of the eighth and final round in their non-title contest.

Min-Wong Kim, 110¼, knocked out Chang-Pyo Hong, 111¼, in 0:57 of the sixth and final session. Hong had been ranked seventh by the KBC.

Bok-Dong Chang, 141, stopped Hi-Soo Chung, 140½, at 1:51 of the seventh in a scheduled eight-rounder.

Tai-Poung Lee, 134½, outpointed Seo-Hang Lee, 135¾, eight.

Four-rounders: Soo-Hi Suh, 117¼, halted Chang-Soo Lee, 117½, at 1:01 of the first round. Jong-Kyan Chung, 110¼, outpointed Kwang-Bok Yun, 112. Jae-Chul Park, 134½, and Kwang-Sam Kim, 134¼, drew in the opener.

Dong-A Promotions.
(08-02-81)

▲ **PUSAN—Kudok Gymnasium**—OPBF junior flyweight champion Yong-Hyun Kim, 110¼, won a unanimous decision over former Japanese national champ Tadashi Tomori, also 110¼, 10.

Hong-Kyu Lim, 134½, stopped Filipino newcomer Belcon Rato, also 134½, at 2:33 of the first round in their scheduled 10.

Mu-Sok Hwang, 149¼, and Young-Sap Suh, 149½, drew, eight.

Sun-Jung Kang, 111¼, outpointed Ki-Jung Kim, also 111¼, six.

Four rounders: Suk-Kun Song, 110¼, outscored Wang-Koo Lee, also 110¼. Kap-Sup Sung, 115½, outpointed Yun-Kap Choi, 116¼, in the opener.

Han-Jin Promotions.
(08-23-81)

▲ **SEOUL—Changchung Gymnasium**—Korean rookies squared off against newcomers from Japan and the Philippines, with the Koreans winning all the contests.

Chan-Hwan Ro, 158¼, the KBC's fourth ranked contender, won a unanimous decision over slower Kenji Miyata, 158¾, six.

Kyu-Sang Yuh, 145¾, polished off Ikuya Toshinai, 145½, in 2:48 of the first session in their scheduled six.

Tong-Shik Park, 121¼, floored hitherto unbeaten Nipponese lefty Keiji Kawamura, 120¼, with a well timed left hook in the first round and won via unanimous decision, six.

Joo-Tuk Suh, 114¾, outscored Alma Rio, 115, Philippines, six.

Hi-Sup Shin, 108, won a lopsided unanimous decision over Lord Mitsuru, 106, Japan, six.

Kyu-Un Chai, 136¼, outscored Tong-Oh Chung, 135½, six, in the opener.

Kuk-Dong Promotions.
(08-31-81)

▲ **SEOUL—Chung-Buk Gymnasium**—Hi-Young Kim, 127¼, won an upset verdict over Son-Woo Chung, 129, eight.

Byong-Nam Choi, 156¾, scored another upset, knocking out Yong-Duk Chang, 154¾, in 0:35 of the fourth round in their scheduled eight.

Jai-Sung Yuh, 139¼, TKO'd Jong-Oh Kim, 138¾, at 0:34 of the fifth round in another scheduled eight.

Jin-Young Yuh, 109, won an unexpected decision over Chul-Yong Park, 111, in the first eight-rounder of the evening.

Six-rounders: Chul-He Jin, 110¾, halted Young-Hyun Han, 109, at 1:19 of the sixth and final canto. Jae-Nyong Choi, 116¾, halted Sam-Byong Kim, also 116¾, at 0:30 of the fourth round. Hai-You Yang, 114¾, outscored Ryong-Duk Choi, 115¾.

Four-rounders: Jae-Min Shin, 108¾, halted Dai-Sup Chung, 110¼, at 2:08 of the first round. Han-Yung Choi, 128¼, and Byong-Kuk Oh, 128½, drew. Tae-Chul Park, 135¼, outscored Tae-Yang Chang, 136. Kun-Yong Nam, 132¼, halted Jong-Chul Shin, also 132¼, at 1:02 of the first. Ho-Sup Choi, 119¾, outpointed Jong-Mok Lee, 119½. Ki-Tae Kim, 126¾, outpointed Bo-Yong Kim, 127½. Sung-Oh Han, 136½, stopped Myong-Soo Park, 136¾, at 2:20 of the third round in the opener.

Chungchang Promotions.
(09-02-81)

▲ **PUSAN—Kudok Gymnasium**—Korea now has three promising 130-pounders: Chung-Il Choi (13-0 with 12 kayoes, the WBC's top contender), OPBF champ Yong-Sae Oh, and Il-Bok Lee, the WBC's eighth ranked contender. The last named, Lee, 130¼, polished off Thai newcomer Kolnyuth P. Punyuth, 130, the KBC's top featherweight contender, at 1:30 of the second in a scheduled 10-rounder. Lee is now 15-2 with eight kayoes.

Korea's top junior flyweight contender, Jong-Koo Chang, 110, won a unanimous decision over Lord Esmero, also 110, Philippines, 10.

Four-rounders: Chang-Sung Chai, 118½, outpointed Jong-Yul Sung, 119. Yun-Ho Park, 110¼, stopped Kyung-Jo Choi, also 110¼, at 0:57 of the third. Young-Jae Park, 132¼, outscored Jae-Won Kim, also 132¼, in the opener.

Kuk-Dong Promotions.
(09-04-81)

▲ **SEOUL—Munhwa Gymnasium**—This gymnasium is located on the first floor of the Munhwa TV Company—very convenient for telecasting. This reporter was there and saw a deluxe card.

OPBF featherweight champ Royal Kobayashi, 132¾, Japan, floored OPBF junior lightweight titlist Young-Sae Oh, 132, Korea, in the first round with a crisp left. Kobayashi, however, couldn't catch the fleet footed Oh thereafter, losing a unanimous decision. The official scores were 118-113 (twice) and 117-114—all for Young-Sae Oh. The 12-round bout was not for any title.

Oh is now 9-0 with five kayoes. Kobayashi is 35-7 with 27 knockouts.

Fast rising Jong-Han Hwang, 126¾, knocked out Japanese import Tomio Nakamura, 126¼, in 1:54 of the third canto in the 10-round semi-final. Hwang, a former amateur star, upped his log to 3-0 with two kayoes.

Chan-Jung Chun, 123½, and On-Hyung Lee, also 123½, drew, eight.

Four-rounders: Hyun-Koo Shin, 116¾, and Jong-Sung Koo, 116¼, drew. Chang-Il Im, 160, outscored Sung-Kil Lee, 160¾. Kwan-Soo Han, 127, outpointed Ryong-Kun Chung, also 127. Kab-Ki Chang, 109¼, outscored Myong-Soo Kim, 110¼. Chul Kyon, 122¾, halted Youn-Bong Kim, 122¼, at 1:44 of the fourth round. Ki-Ryong Lee, 110¼, outpointed In-Sun Lee, 110, in the opener.

Saeki Promotions.
(09-06-81)

▲ **NOTES**—The bi-annual convention of the Oriental & Pacific Boxing Federation was held at the deluxe Shilla Hotel in Seoul, September 4 to 5. In principal, the presidency of the OPBF rotates to another country after every two years, but, in the case of Korea, we agreed to extend it to three years.

This reporter attended the OPBF and WBC conventions as the JBC's coordinator.

The World Boxing Council's annual meeting was held September 7 to 10 at the same hotel. Many items were discussed, including life insurance, safety control, medical guidance videocassettes supply, an international boxer's license, establishment of Boxing Day (May 13, Joe Louis' birthday), and option problems. Wish we had more time.

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▲ **QUEZON CITY—Araneta Coliseum**—OPBF junior featherweight champion Willie Lucas, 122, retained his crown with a unanimous decision over Min-Keun Oh, also 122, Korea, the WBA's sixth ranked featherweight, 12. It was Lucas' first title defense.

Leo Casino, 139, TKO'd Young de la Cruz, 139-1/2, in the ninth round of a scheduled 10. Cruz had been ranked second by the Filipino Games and Amusements Board.

Tomas Bernales, 131, TKO'd Dan Nazareno, 130, midway in the seventh frame of their scheduled 10-round bout.

Paciencia Hitosis, promoter.
(07-03-81)

▲ **CAG. DE ORO CITY**—Jong Jong Pacquing, 121-3/4, won the Filipino national junior featherweight crown by stopping defending champion Rey Naduma, Jr., 121-1/2, in the 10th round of a scheduled 12.

Dede Suaybaguio, 118-1/2, TKO'd veteran Billy Abato, 119, in the sixth frame of a scheduled 10.

Ric Dolotallas, 130, halted Roland Dante, also 130, in the eighth frame of the first 10-rounder of the evening.

Antonio Almirante, promoter.
(07-04-81)

▲ **CEBU CITY**—National flyweight champion Frank Cedeno, 118, won a unanimous decision over Ric Diamale, 116-1/2, 10.

Little Bangoyan, 121, won a majority decision over Danilo Inocian, 122, 10.

Manny Sacay, 123, halted Nestor Miraflor, 122-1/2, in the sixth round of their scheduled 10.

Melching Makilan, 133, TKO'd Nick Caputol, 131-1/2, in the fifth frame of the first 10-rounder on the program.

Benjamin Sun, promoter.
(07-04-81)

▲ **BAGUIO CITY**—Willie Makitoki, 139, the GAB's top junior welterweight contender, knocked out Flash Romeo, 139-1/4, in the third frame of a scheduled 12-round bout.

Filipino junior lightweight champion Francis Camatagan, 131, won a unanimous decision over Dommy Marolena, 130, 10, non-title.

Little Balsigan, 127, ranked second among Filipino junior feathers by the GAB, won a unanimous decision over Elmer Leonardo, 125, in the program's first 10.

Felixberto Jardenil, promoter.
(07-04-81)

▲ **GEN. SANTOS CITY**—Andy Balaba, 109, and Jun Resma, 113, drew, 10.

Maximo Cabreros, promoter.
(07-04-81)

▲ **MANILA—Pasig Gymnasium**—Former national champion Max (Boy) Toyogon, 138, stopped Jun Gonzales, 137-1/2, in the third round of a scheduled 10.

Grego Garcia, promoter.
(07-11-81)

▲ **LA UNION**—Johnny Tam, 145, TKO'd Thai southpaw Tongta Kiatvayupakdi, 147, in the third frame of a scheduled 10-round contest.
(07-18-81)

▲ **BAGUIO CITY**—Former OPBF junior lightweight champion Rey Tam, 138-3/4, won a unanimous decision over Rod Seguenan, 130-1/2, 10. Tam, a southpaw, is now 32 years old.

Fel Salvador, 133-3/4, TKO'd Pedro Guial, 135, in the second round of their scheduled 10.

Joval de Rama, 133-1/2, halted Jouie Amor, 133-3/4, in the ninth frame of the program's first 10-rounder.

Rolando Mendoza, promoter.
(07-18-81)

▲ **PASAY CITY**—Former national featherweight boss Cesar Ligan, 129, won a unanimous decision over Alberto Saxon, 130, 10.

Sergio Fernando, 113, stopped Joe Gaviola, 112, in the ninth round of their scheduled 10-rounder.

Cesar Gutierrez, 122, won a unanimous decision over Little Bangoyan, 121, 10.

Agustin Garcia, promoter.
(07-31-81)

▲ **CAG. DE ORO CITY**—Flash Jagdon, 114, TKO'd Ric Diamale, also 114, in a scheduled 12-round bout to win the latter's Filipino junior bantam title. The GAB named Jagdon Fighter of the Month for having scored this upset win.

Sil Golosino, 113, outscored Rodrigo Saonoy, also 113, 10.

Florentino Uba, promoter.
(08-01-81)

▲ **MANILA—Eduardo's Club**—Chito Adigue, 126, won a unanimous verdict over Sandy Noora, 124, 10.

Antero Velandria, Jr., promoter.
(08-01-81)

▲ **GEN. SANTOS CITY**—Andy Balaba, 111, and Teo Aradora, 112, drew, 10.

Gene Reyno, promoter.
(08-01-81)

▲ **CAVITE**—Former world contender Tito Abella, 112, won a unanimous duke over Val de Vera, also 112, 10.

Ferlizardo Mendoza, promoter.
(08-01-81)

▲ **DAVAO CITY**—Fernando Gloria, 138, and Gar Atayde, 139, drew, 10. Gloria is a natural welter, and he looked a little sluggish.

Efren Guineta, 120, TKO'd Tony Sagrado, 121, in the fifth round of their scheduled 10.

Sul Inting, 120, won a unanimous decision over Erning Queroben, 119, 10.

Junlian Tan, Jr., promoter.
(08-01-81)

▲ **PARANAQUE**—Tale Maguan, 118-1/2, the GAB's third ranked junior featherweight, eked out a majority decision over Alex Tito, 123, 10.

Galorde Enterprises.
(08-02-81)

▲ **BUTAN CITY**—Veteran Danilo Inocian, 119, halted Dede Suaybaguio, 117-1/2, in the eighth frame of a scheduled 10-rounder.

Carlito Balacuit, promoter.
(08-09-81)

▲ **QUEZON CITY—Araneta Coliseum**—Manaseh Base, 110-1/2, the GAB's top junior fly contender, halted Thai newcomer Salakpetch Kietpethanoi, 111, in the second round of a scheduled 10.

Hard hitting Thai Dorn Sornsakdisith, 129, TKO'd Geron Porras, also 129, in the sixth frame of their scheduled 10.

Arturo Cayetano, promoter.
(08-14-81)

▲ **DAVAO CITY**—Veteran Nene Jun, 130, won the Filipino junior lightweight title with a unanimous decision over defending champion Francis Camatagan, 130, 12.

Agustin Garcia, promoter.
(08-15-81)

▲ **CEBU CITY**—Flash Villamer, 134, TKO'd defending champ Nardito Adrayan, also 134, to win the Filipino national lightweight title.

National bantam champion Bobby Berna, 118, won a unanimous decision over Leo Kaki, also 118, in a 10-round non-title affair.

Juanito Ablaca, 109, TKO'd Little Baguio, 107-1/2, in the ninth frame of the first 10-rounder of the evening.

Rex Salud, promoter.
(08-16-81)

▲ **SURIGAO DEL NORTE**—Rene Anasco, 121, won a unanimous decision over Erning Queroben, 122, 10.

Carlito Balacuit, promoter.
(08-22-81)

▲ **DAVAO CITY**—Diego de Villa, 114, won a unanimous decision over Ric Barimba, also 114, 10.

Manuel Villan, promoter.
(08-22-81)

▲ **CAG. DE ORO CITY**—Filipino junior featherweight king Jong Jong Pacquing, 126, won a unanimous decision over Sandy Noora, 128, 10.

Jun Garcia, 111, the GAB's second ranked flyweight, won a unanimous duke over Nardo Caligay, also 111, 10.

Moinco Galade, promoter.
(08-24-81)

▲ **BAGUIO CITY**—National featherweight boss Lulu Villaverde, 125, won a unanimous decision over Little Balsigan, 127, 10, non-title.

Jimmy Boy, 115, the GAB's ninth ranked junior bantamweight, won a unanimous decision over Roland Rosuento, 116-1/2, 10.

Antero Verlandria, Jr., promoter.
(08-29-81)

THAI RATINGS
BY THE THAI BOXING COMMISSION
(AS OF SEPTEMBER 10, 1981)

WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Satanfa S. Pratip
1. Tongta Kiatvayupak
2. Saensak Muangsurin
3. Thaminthong Singsamang
4. Kiatsayarm Jokker
5. Burirum Suenmisakavan
6. Mana Premchai
7. Jong Sathiragym
8. Kunphol Sakornphitak

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Kongrug Vocharernrat
1. Petchsayarm Petcharern
2. Thom Singthanongsakdi

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Jenrub Muangsurin
1. Downthong Chuvatana
2. Somdej Sakdiphipus
3. Keovanoi Kiatsingnoi
4. Suradej Klongphajorn
5. Nunthabureng Leadbankye
6. Chokchai Kiatsingnoi
7. Chainarong Chutinavy
8. Rakthae Muangsurin
9. Sakad Pornthavee
10. Rakchart Kiatvayuphak

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
Championship
Vacant
1. Dorn Sornsakdisith
2. Phadedsuk Pisnurachun
3. Vechayun Senaphitak
4. Sonsakdi Sithlukmuang
5. Ngoohuoleg Lukakadyotin
6. Usopnoi Lukakadyotin
7. Kongkiat Sithmanun
8. Prichar Nabanmee
9. Sangsakda Kittikasem
10. Monkorndum Muangsurin

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Nugprachun Kiatkumchai
1. Kolnyuth P. Punyuth
2. Dedkad Kiatbunyong
3. Sangthong Chanjeelar
4. Santhi Donjadee
5. Manus Lo-ngerng
6. Nongthom Singthanongsak
7. Kunphollek Sakornphitak
8. Veerachainoi Dejavatal
9. Salatan Tarphoothai
10. Kiatborvon Singchevung

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Dejvarin Hollywood
1. Pongpun Sorphayathai
2. Ekaluk Singnakornlong
3. Arcadej Singjomthong
4. Thanupetch Petch-u-bol
5. Morkasakdi Muangsurin
6. Pisvong Sithbungerd
7. Duangprasert Sorsombutr
8. Thuanthanong Sornphajorn
9. Pornarai Kiatmana
10. No Listing

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
Sakda Saksuree
1. Kaosai Galasay
2. Sakdisamai Chorsirirat
3. Charnok U. Yuthanakarn
4. Venice Borkorsor
5. Prasong Sithkempetch
6. Surija Pratumvadee
7. Kom Chartsurat
8. Mongkol Kiatjongrug
9. Khangthongnoi Kiatsingnoi
10. Numraman Sithmuhamad

JUNIOR BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
Phaktai Osodsapha
1. Brabtorani Luklumpakchee
2. Nasai Charlermchaigym
3. Muns Petchyindee
4. Suban Muangsurin
5. Sombutr Chuvatana
6. Ali Baba Luklongtan
7. Suvan Silpaya
8. Tani Singchuevung
9. Saipha Sorphayathai
10. Archen Sukothai

FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
Dan Pisalchai
1. Monsayarm H. Mahachai
2. Chutmongkol Thairungriang
3. Wonchai Sorpenpis
4. Phichitsuk Kor-u-sayarm
5. Jimmy Sithphaidang
6. Glar Premchai
7. Den Chuvatana
8. Thongberm Lukmaturee
9. Leg Fairtax
10. Chandang Singchuevung

JUNIOR FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
Srithuncha Sithsanae
1. Ratanachai Punvit
2. Komleg Sorthanikul
3. Suriya Pratumvadee
4. Umnaj Sor. S.S. Chan
5. Borvonmongkol Singchuevung
6. Phutai Lukminburi
7. Phameechai Sithpornpon
8. Sakolnakorn Kiatmuangtrang
9. Raknarong Chorsangchan
10. Luk-odd Phitiporn

Thai boxers rated by world boxing organizations: Vichit Muangroi-et (#1 WBA junior featherweight), Netrnoi Sor Vorasingh (#3 WBA junior flyweight; #1 WBC).

▲ **CABANATUAN CITY**—Ador Seguin, 125, TKO'd Albert Duldulao, 127, in the ninth round of a scheduled 10.

Fel Viesca, Jr., 128, won a unanimous decision over Romy Cunanan, 1[illegible]

▲ **BUTUAN CITY**—Rey Naduma, Jr., 128 (normally a 122-pounder), won a unanimous duke over Melching Makilan, 130, 10.

Jun Resma, 113, won a unanimous decision over Eldie Paradero, 110, 10.

Carlito Balacuit, promoter.
(08-29-81)

▲ **CEBU CITY**—Willie Makitoki, 140, TKO'd Leo Casino, also 140, in a scheduled 12-round bout to win the vacant Filipino national junior welter title.

Makitoki was also named Boxer of the Month by the GAB.

Paciencia Hitosis, promoter.
(08-30-81)

▲ **ANGELS CITY**—Filipino welterweight champion Mike de Guzman, 151, TKO'd national middleweight champ Joe Willisco, 155, in the ninth frame of a scheduled 10-round non-title bout.

Max (Boy) Toyogon, 135, TKO'd Dony Soriano, also 135, in the eighth session of the 10-round semi-final.

Efren Nazal, promoter.
(08-30-81)

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THAILAND

▲ **BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Ekalak Singnakornlaong, 124, stopped Viboonchai Decharvatan, 123, in the first round of a scheduled six-round contest.
(07-21-81)

▲ **BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Thai junior featherweight champion Dejvarin Hollywood, 122, retained his title by knocking out Arcadej Singjomthong, 121, in 1:23 of the seventh in a scheduled 10-rounder. Dejvarin, the aggressor, dropped Arcadej twice in the third session. Singjomthong retired with a badly swollen left eye.
(07-23-81)

▲ **BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Sakdisamuth Singsam-ang, 109, stopped Narongnoi S. Jitphatana, also 109, in the fourth canto of a scheduled six. Singsam-ang is now 5-0 with four kayoes.
(07-25-81)

▲ **BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Kiatkong (Domepassport) Sithmanun, 126, the TBC's sixth ranked junior lightweight, easily stopped Singharach Singsongphol, 125, in round four of a sixer.
(07-26-81)

▲ **BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Sakda Saksuree, 118, retained his national bantam crown by eking out a close unanimous decision over Kaosai Galassy, 116, the TBC's top contender, 10. Saksuree had to lose 12 pounds for this bout, and the fans were treated to a truly hard fought battle. Scores: 97-96 (twice) and 96-95.
(07-29-81)

▲ **BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Jaipetch Fairtex, 114, won a unanimous decision over Chandang Singchuevung, also 114, six. Fairtex is now 2-0.
(07-31-81)

▲ **BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Downthong Chuvatana, 133, the TBC's ninth ranked lightweight contender, halted unknown Kla Sithchang, 132, in the second round of a scheduled six-round contest.
(08-02-81)

▲ **BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Sangsakda Kittikasem, 130, the Thai-style (kick boxing) junior featherweight champ, demolished Thai-style lightweight champ Dezelnoi Ch. Thatasukan, also 130, the in 1:04 of the second round in a scheduled six-round international style contest. The bout drew an estimated 8,000 customers, with Dezelnoi, the loser getting $8,000, and Kittikasem, the upset winner, receiving $2,000 (U.S. money).

Song Kanchanachoosak, promoter.
(08-04-81)

▲ **BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Nasai Charlermchaigym, 118, easily knocked out Dawlek Sithsaneh, also 118, in 2:00 of the first round in a scheduled six.
(08-05'81)

▲ **BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Prasong Sithkempetch, 121, knocked out Numraman Sithmuhamad, 122, with a single right uppercut in round five of a scheduled sixer. Sithmuhamad, coming off of a long lay-off, had won almost all of the preceding rounds.
(08-07-81)

▲ **BANGKOK—Channel 7 Ring**—Hard punching rookie Pongpan Sawphyathai TKO'd Australian junior featherweight champion Brian Roberts in the seventh session of a scheduled 10. Sawphyathai, the aggressor, dropped Roberts with the compulsory eight-count with a smashing right in the sixth round. A wicked left to the face finished Brian in the following frame.

The bout went on at 1:00 p.m., and was nationally televised.
(08-07-81)

▲ **BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Former amateur star Sangkad Saksuree, 126, easily stopped Srikarin Muangsurin, also 126, at 2:15 of the first session in a scheduled six. Sangkad looked very promising.
(08-12-81)

▲ **BANGKOK—Channel 7 Ring**—Paktai Lipovitan-D, 115, retained his Thai national junior bantamweight title by halting Nasai Chalermchaigym, also 115, in the seventh canto of a scheduled 10. Paktai is now 18-2 with seven kayoes.
(08-16-81)

▲ **BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Ekalak Singnakornlaong, 123, stopped unknown Saknarong Siththeerasak, also 123, in the second round of a scheduled six. Ekalak, the TBC's second ranked junior feather, is now 10-1 with seven kayoes.
(08-18-81)

▲ **BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Thai junior featherweight champion Dejvarin Hollywood, 124, knocked out Morkosakdi Muangsurin, also 124, in the fourth round of a scheduled non-title six. Muangsurin was a late sub for national featherweight champ Nugprachun Kiatkumchai, who failed to show up for the morning weigh-in. The TBC is considering suspending Nugprachun for a period of months.
(08-20-81)

▲ **BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Sakdisamai Chorsirirat, 117, the TBC's fourth ranked bantamweight, stopped unknown Thongsuk Decharvatan, 118, in the first round of a scheduled sixer.

This was castigated; a bad mismatch.
(08-21-81)

▲ **BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Lek (Jaipetch) Fairtex, 112, halted Kwanchai S. Sinuntha, also 112, in less than a minute of the first round in their scheduled six-round bout. Fairtex, a former Thai-style boxer, looks good.
(08-25-81)

▲ **BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Suvan Silpaya, 116, eked out a split verdict over Chandang Singchaowang, 115, six. Silpaya was making a comeback.
(08-26-81)

▲ **BANGKOK**—Downthong Chuvatana, 136, the TBC's top lightweight contender, easily stopped Somsri S. Prasartporn, 135, in the second round of a scheduled six. Chuvatana is now 8-0-1 with five knockouts.
(08-30-81)

▲ **BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Luk-odd Phitiporn, 109, knocked out Padunsakdi Hajaedee, also 109, in the fifth canto of their scheduled six.
(08-31-81)

▲ **BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Thongberm Lukmaturee, the TBC's eighth ranked flyweight, climbed off the canvas in round three to win a close but unanimous decision over Booncherd S.B.K., 105, six. Lukmaturee was down for nine.
(09-01-81)

▲ **BANGKOK**—Fahmeechai Sithpornpan, 107, won by a disqualification over Plangpol Pornthavee, 108. Pornthavee kicked Sithpornpan twice and was ruled out by the third man. You only see results like that in Thailand.
(09-03-81)

▲ **BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Brabtorani Luklumpakchee, 121, floored Prasong Sithkempetch, also 121, in the third and final rounds to win via unanimous decision, six. Brabtorani should be in line for a title shot at Thai national junior bantamweight champ Phaktai (Osodsapha) Lipovitan-D. He's the TBC's top ranked contender.
(09-04-81)

▲ **BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Southpaw Saksamuth Singsam-ang, 108, overwhelmed Karavek Patanasing, 112, and stopped him in round three of a scheduled six. Singsam-ang is now 6-0 with five knockouts.
(09-05-81)

▲ **BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Thai national junior flyweight champion Srithuncha Sithsanae, 112, won a unanimous decision over Borvonmongkol Singchuevung, also 112, in a six-round non-title affair.
(09-07-81)

▲ **BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Usopnoi Lukakadyotin, 130, stopped Rittilert Laudayuthaya, 129, in less than a minute of the first round in their scheduled six-round bout. The hard hitting Usop is a Muslim, and his future may be bright. He's ranked sixth among the junior lightweights by the TBC.
(09-08-81)

▲ **BANGKOK**—Up-and-coming Sangkad Saksuree, 126, demolished Thanonsuk Yuthkit, 127, in the fifth round of their scheduled six. Saksuree is now 2-0—both kayoes.
(09-09-81)

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NEW SOUTH WALES

▲ **KINGSFORD—South Sydney Junior Leagues Club**—Former Australian lightweight champion Billy Mulholland, 141, outpointed Roger Henry, 138, 10.

Dave Parker, 135, stopped Teo Cupa, 134, in the third round of a scheduled four.
(08-11-81)

▲ **SUTHERLAND—United Services Club**—Unbeaten Ken Salisbury, 155, clearly outpointed Jeff Sait, 156, 10. It was, however, an exciting bout, and the fans showered the ring with a total of sixty dollars.

Six-rounders: Clint Brown, 162, outpointed Jim Carew, 164. Gary Rosen, 137, outscored Willie Leslie, 134.
(08-11-81)

▲ **CASTLE HILL—R.S.L. Club**—John Cotterill, 128, out-

ORIENTAL & PACIFIC RATINGS
BY THE ORIENTAL & PACIFIC BOXING FEDERATION
(AS OF OCTOBER 2, 1981)

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Chong-Pal Park (Korea)
1. Wally Carr (Australia)
2. Byung-Rae Yuh (Korea)
3. Richie Roberts (Australia)
4. Joe Willisco (Philippines)
5. Kenji Shibata (Japan)
6. Peter Piamonte (Philippines)
7. Caesar Sasaki (Japan)
8. Soo-Hang Lee (Korea)
9. Mana Prenchai (Thailand)
10. Suwarno (Indonesia)

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Kwang-Min Kim (Korea)
1. Deuk-Koo Kim (Korea)
2. Barry Michael (Australia)
3. Flash Villamer (Philippines)
4. Jenrub Muangsurin (Thailand)
5. Young-Ho Oh (Korea)
6. Downthong Chuvatana (Thailand)
7. Heung-Suk Yuh (Korea)
8. Jyoken Narita (Japan)
9. Max (Boy) Toyogon (Philippines)
10. Lito Pena (Philippines)

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
Eijiro Murata (Japan)
1. Paul Ferreri (Australia)
2. Yong-Hwan Oh (Korea)
3. Bobby Berna (Philippines)
4. Hitoshi Ishigaki (Japan)
5. Kaosai Galasay (Thailand)
6. Leo Kaki (Philippines)
7. Sakda Saksuree (Thailand)
8. Dong-Yung Kim (Korea)
9. Charnok U. Yuthanakarn (Thailand)
10. Chul-Soon Hwang (Korea)

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Tadashi Mihara (Japan)
1. Sang-Ho Lee (Korea)
2. Aquiliano Nicolas, Jr. (Philippines)
3. In-Chul Baek (Korea)
4. Alex Temelkov (Australia)
5. Michihiro Horihata (Japan)
6. Kyung-Min Nah (Korea)
7. Steve Dennis (Australia)
8. Ramon Dionisio (Philippiries)
9. Katsuhiro Sawasa (Japan)
10. Billy Johnston (Australia)

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Young-Sae Oh (Korea)
1. Tae-Jin Moon (Korea)
2. Paul Ferreri (Australia)
3. Nene Jun (Philippines)
4. Kyung-Soo Hong (Korea)
5. Phadedsuk Pisnurachun (Thailand)
6. Sa-Wang Kim (Korea)
7. Francis Camatagan (Philippines)
8. Freddie Mensah (Japan)
9. Hyun-Kil Chun (Korea)
10. Gary Williams (Australia)

JUNIOR BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
William Develos (Philippines)
1. Phaktai Osodsapha (Thailand)
2. Moon-Kyun Joo (Korea)
3. Flash Jagdon (Philippines)
4. Satoru Koguchi (Japan)
5. Brabtorani Luklumpakchee (Thailand)
6. Fel Aporto (Philippines)
7. Chan-Young Park (Korea)
8. Rodrigo Saonoy (Philippines)
9. Tsutomu Itokazu (Japan)
10. Soon-Chun Kwon (Korea)

WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Chung-Jae Hwang (Korea)
1. Mike de Guzman (Philippines)
2. Jun-Sok Hwang (Korea)
3. Frank Ropis (Australia)
4. Dynamite Matsuo (Japan)
5. Seung-Soon Lee (Korea)
6. Johnny Tam (Philippines)
7. Blakeney Matthews (Australia)
8. Satanfa S. Pratip (Thailand)
9. Tongta Kiatvayupak (Thailand)
10. Kwang-Yul Oh (Korea)

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Royal Kobayashi (Japan)
1. Hwan-Kil Yuh (Korea)
2. Kid Hassan (Indonesia)
3. Ahn Hyun (Korea)
4. Lulu Villaverde (Philippines)
5. Dae-Hwan Lee (Korea)
6. Gary Williams (Australia)
7. Jung-Han Hwang (Korea)
8. Nugprachun Kiatkumchai (Thailand)
9. Koichi Matsushima (Japan)
10. Tomio Nakamura (Japan)

FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
Hong-Soo Yang (Korea)
1. Kap-Chul Shin (Korea)
2. Frank Cedeno (Philippines)
3. Kazumasa Tamaki (Japan)
4. Dan Pisalchai (Thailand)
5. Steve Bell (Australia)
6. In-Wan Hwang (Korea)
7. Shigeo Nakajima (Japan)
8. Andy Balaba (Philippines)
9. Koji Kobayashi (Japan)
10. Chutmongkol Thairungriang (Thailand)

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Sang-Hyun Kim (Korea)
1. Willie Makitoki (Philippines)
2. Sang-Hyun Baek (Korea)
3. Kyung-Hwan Chae (Korea)
4. Graham Bell (Australia)
5. Peter Berrigan (Australia)
6. Sang-Ho Lee (Korea)
7. Tatsuya Moriyasu (Japan)
8. Kongrug Vocharernrat (Thailand)
9. Minoru Sugiya (Japan)
10. Mohamad Solikin (Indonesia)

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Willie Lucas (Philippines)
1. Hiroyuki Iwamoto (Japan)
2. Dejvarin Hollywood (Thailand)
3. Jong Jong Pacauing (Philippines)
4. Pong Pun Sorphayathai (Thailand)
5. Bunji Ando (Japan)
6. Rey Naduma, Jr. (Philippines)
7. Song-In Suh (Korea)
8. Jae-Wook Kim (Korea)
9. Yu Kasahara (Japan)
10. Chang-Duk Han (Korea)

JUNIOR FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
Siony Carupo (Philippines)
1. Soon-Yun Mah (Korea)
2. Junior Thompson (Australia)
3. Srithuncha Sithsanae (Thailand)
4. Jung-Koo Jang (Korea)
5. Tadashi Tomori (Japan)
6. Moon-Chin Choi (Korea)
7. Ratanachai Punvit (Thailand)
8. Manaseh Base (Philippines)
9. Hiroyuki Tada (Japan)
10. Lord Esmero (Philippines)

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pointed Patrick Young, 10, in one of the fights of the year. A large money shower followed from the fans.

Buddy Nixon, 156, stopped Rod Connors, 150, in the sixth and final round of their bout.

Shane Patrick, 159, and Paul Donnelly, 171, drew, four.

Tony Campbell, 144, outpointed Jak Gibbons, 150, three.

Trevor Singleton, who boxed at Bathurst one week later, was the promoter.
(08-14-81)

▲ **WAGGA WAGGA—Australian Riverina Football Club**—Greg Crowe, 165, decked Buddy Nixon, 163, three times in the first round for an automatic stoppage. It was scheduled for eight.

Six-rounders: Gil McGrath, 159, knocked out Rod Connors, 152, in the second. Jay Crowe, 127, halted Alan Leigh, 126, in the fifth. Colin Ford, 131, and Tony Cox, 134-1/2, drew.

Three-rounders: Maurice Trent, 159, outpointed Lee Faulds, 152. Ross Sully, 140, outscored Alan Fuller, 143.
(08-15-81)

▲ **MT. PRITCHARD—Community Club**—Steve Bell, 111-3/4, retained his Australian flyweight title with a technical decision over Wayne Mulholland, 112, at the end of round 13 in their scheduled 15-round championship bout.

Mulholland sustained a bad cut in that 13th session, and was ruled unfit to continue at round's eye. The scorecards of referee Trevor Christian and judges Alf Weymark and Billy Males all had Bell a narrow leader, so the champ was crowned the winner. Had Mulholland been ahead, he would have won the title.

The challenger had gotten away to a good lead, but was gradually pegged back, and it was so close at the end.

Eight-rounders: Roger Henry, 126, outpointed Roy Hughes, 130. Tony Noone, 151, and Tony Campbell, 145, drew.
(08-19-81)

▲ **BELMONT—Sixteen-Foot Sailing Club**—Former Australian flyweight champion and current NSW State junior feather title holder Charlie Brown, 123-1/2, knocked out Bimbo Morris, 122-1/2, in the fourth round of a scheduled 10.

Terry Clayton, 147-3/4, outpointed Dawsie Kelly, 145-1/2, eight.

Tommy Roberts, 154-1/4, stopped Rod Connors, 145-1/2, in the fourth session of a scheduled six.

Four-rounders: Semesi Finau, 169-3/4, halted John Jones, 166-1/2, in the third frame. Neil Ray, 138-3/4, outscored Glenn Baker, 141.
(08-19-81)

▲ **BATHURST—R.S.L. Club**—Australian featherweight champion Gary Williams, 127, outpointed Frank Carlson, 124, in a 10-round non-title bout.

Carlson, a fast rising Sydney lad, gave Williams plenty to keep him occupied, and even decked the champion early in the fight. Carlson also finished well, but Williams took the middle rounds and clearly won on points. Carlson is after a title shot at Australian junior feather champion Brian Roberts. He deserves the chance.

Patrick Young, 131, outpointed Wayne Wallace, 131, eight.

Elley Dennis, 142, outscored Willie Leslie, 139, six.

Trevor Singleton, 170, outpointed Paul Donnelly, 175, four. This was a comeback fight for Singleton, who is now a successful promoter.
(08-21-81)

▲ **GOSFORD—Central Coast Leagues Club**—Willi Tarika, 139, the Fijian based in Australia, outpointed Bobby Cotterill (brother of John), 142, 10. Tarika clearly won, but Cotterill is the kind of aggressive fighter who always makes a fight interesting. The contest drew a shower from appreciative ringsiders.

Peter Batty, 142, outpointed veteran Dawsie Kelly, also 142, eight.

Sparrow Freeman, 132, and Lou Williams, 135, drew, six.
(08-26-81)

▲ **BROOKVALE—Manly-Warringah Leagues Club**—Billy Ray, 136-3/4, outpointed Willie Leslie, also 136¾, in a good eight-round contest. Ray, a Fijian, was engaging in his first bout in Australia.

Six-rounders: Ross Eadie, 145-1/2, outpointed Col Eckford, 169-3/4. Marcel Gittany, 143-1/4, outscored Lou Williams, 130.
(09-02-81)

▲ **SMITHFIELD—R.S.L. Club**—Mick Thompson, 146-1/2, won the vacant NSW State welterweight title with a close but unanimous decision over Micky Binninsky (AKA Mick Binnie), 145, 10. The hard fought battle drew a large shower of coins and notes from ringside fans.

Vince Iacovelli, 154, upended George Damien, 148, in the first round of a sixer. Iacovelli is now undefeated in three contests, and shows a great deal of promise.

Four-rounders: Jody Lindsay, 143, outpointed Tracey Fellows, also 143. Foxy Louis, 143, outscored Mark Apollo Smith, 146.

Bob Talbot, 145, outscored Glenn Talbot, 146, three.
(09-04-81)

VICTORIA

▲ **GEELONG**—Rocky Perottino outscored Russell Walker, eight rounds, junior welters.

Don Rose and Mick Lillas drew, six.

Peter Brian stopped Lance Williams in the third round of a scheduled four.

Mick Stillinato and Peter Gribben drew, three. (08-28-81)

▲ **WODONGA**—Mick Barber, 135, outpointed Basil Crowe, 139, eight.

Ken Jacob, 126, stopped Kerry Slaughter, 127, in the sixth and final frame of their bout.

Four-rounders: Skeeta Malaria, 133, outpointed Johnny Duff, 135. Roger Martin, 126, halted Col Ford, 128, on a nose injury in three.
(09-04-81)

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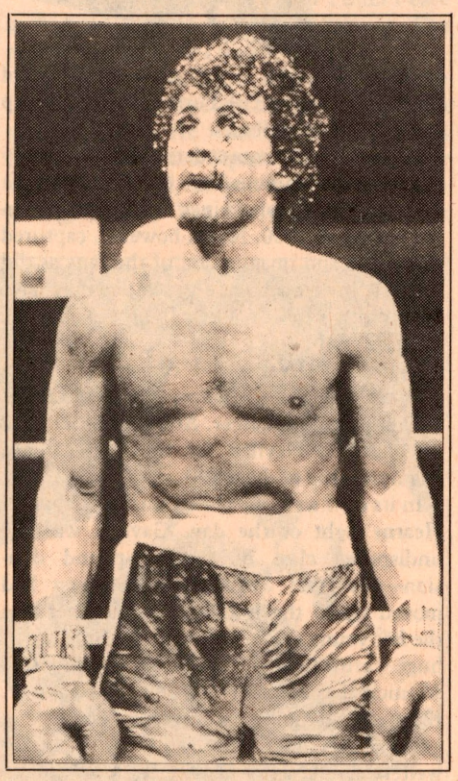
Mike Weaver outpointed James Tillis, 15
(Retained WBA Title)
John Tate halted Barry Funches, 7
Jimmy Young outscored Tom Fischer, 10
William Hosea kayoed Billy Joe Thomas, 2
John Denis beat Henry Porter, 8
Alfonzo Ratliff halted Vernon Johnston, 2
Leroy Caldwell decisioned Rocky Young, 10
Dan Farmer iced David Gilmore, 1
Randy Stephens kayoed Fred Brown, 2
Franco Thomas stopped Baker Tinsley, 4
Neville Meade bombed Gordon Ferris, 1
Stuart Lithgoe kayoed Stan McDermott, 8
David Pearce halted Dennis Andries, 7
Randy Stephens kayoed Fred Brown, 2
Rudi Gauwe beat Tony Moore, 8
Steffen Tangstad halted Mike Lear, 2
Lacey Stevens kayoed Ray Ruiz, 2
Ken Lakusta iced Ron Rouselle, 1
James Douglas knocked out Tommy Stevenson, 5
Mark Lee halted Pat Ritter, 2
Clarence Hill halted Rich Seger, 2
Neil Malpass stopped Terry Mintus, 3
Terry O'Connor and Alfredo Evangelista drew, 8

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
Matthew Saad Muhammad halted Jerry Martin, 11
(Retained World Title)
Lee Roy Murphy outpointed Elvis Parks, 6
Joe Garcia bombed Dan Kiser, 1
Anthony Witherspoon iced James Van Keuren, 1
Francis Sargent stopped George Goforth, 4
J.B. Williamson beat Lee Burkey, 8
James Williams outpointed Jesse Avila, 10
Rudi Koopmans halted Fred Serres, 1
Dwight Braxton outpointed James Scott, 10
Roddy MacDonald halted Frank Hines, 3
Tomas Polo decisioned Jesus Morelos, 12
(Won Vacant Colombian Light Heavyweight Title)
Young Joe Louis stopped Joe Garcia, 5
James Williams beat Mike Clark, 10
James Williams outscored Jesse Burnett, 10
Liam Coleman beat Bonny McKenzie, 8

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Marvin Hagler cut up Mustafa Hamsho, 11
(Retained World Title)
Bobby Czyz stopped Dan Snyder, 2
Alex Ramos halted Fermin Guzman, 6
Danny Cronin halted Russell Kain, 3
Charles Hecker beat Danny Long, 8
Curtis Parker halted Lancelot Innes, 7
Tommy Merola iced Ibraham Qaadir, 1
Glenn McEwan outscored Howard Mills, 8
Harvey Solomon beat Marvin Sanders, 10
Mario Maldonado bombed Joaquin Macias, 1
Lenny LaPaglia knocked out Steve Wetzel, 1
Wayne Caplette won on disqualification from Kenny Bristol, 4
Doug DeWitt halted Danny McAloon, 3
Johnny Fanea beat Haleem Muhammad, 8
Muhammad Shabazz outpointed Tony Suero, 10
Roy Gumbs stopped Joe Henry, 8
John Collins knocked out Judson Ward, 2
Mario Johnson kayoed Steve Woods, 5
Ray Seales bombed Juan Rivas, 1
Javier Salomon and Everett Conklin drew, 8
Danny Long iced James Clark, 1
Bruce McIntyre stopped Ruben Pardo, 9

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Clint Jackson decisioned Bruce Johnson, 10
James Green halted Bobby Patterson, 2
Mario Maldonado knocked out Richard House, 4
Ricky Weigel kayoed Abraham Lara, 3
Bryant Matthews halted Marvin McDowell, 4
Mike McCallum stopped Jimmy Heair, 2
Johnny Herbert beat Rudy Barro, 10
Earl Hargrove iced Jesse Millan, 1
Gary Holmgren beat Bruce Strauss, 10
Jimmy Batten stopped Jesse Abrams, 4
Billy Minnix outpointed Charles LaCour, 8
Victor Delany iced Jim McLeary, 1
John DeGazio knocked out Gerald Borner, 1
Darryl Penn beat Ray Phillips, 8
Javier Salomon outpointed Marvin Sanders, 10
Graylin Curry bombed Reinaldo Rogue, 1
Emiliano Villa stopped Manuel Saavedra, 5
Chris Christian halted Steve Hopkin, 7
Julian Jackson halted Dario DeAsa, 3
Ken Whetstone kayoed A.W. Muhammad, 5

WELTERWEIGHTS
Jorgen Hansen outpointed Hans Henrik Palm, 12
(Retained EBU Title)
Kevin Morgan decisioned Tyrone Rackley, 12
(Won USBA Title)
Kevin Howard beat Robert Sawyer, 10
Steve Early halted Roger Guest, 4
John Kennedy stopped Achille Mitchell, 3
Kevin Rooney halted Orlando Montalvo, 3
Pete Ranzany stopped Greg Netter, 3
Mike Picciotti beat Felix Nance, 8
Donny Poole outpointed Ghyslain Deroy, 10
Pedro Vilella knocked out Mike Michaud, 4
Joe Moliere stopped Danny Morris, 4
Milton Guest halted Charlie Thomas, 3
Johnny Herbert kayoed Tony Baretta, 3
Gene Stevens beat Rod Kennebrew, 8
Sean Mannion and Paop Figueroa drew, 8
Tommy McCallum beat Roger Guest, 8
Sylvester Mittee halted Gary Pearce, 3
Cliff Gilpin outscored Gary Cooper, 8
Jo Kimpuani won on disqualification from Horace McKenzie, 3
Mario Cusson decisioned Bob Harvey, 12
(Won Canadian Title)
Johnny Herbert beat Rudy Barro, 10
Mateo Valdez outpointed Carlos Mejia, 10
Al Mack stopped Eddie Walker, 2
Lupe Aquino halted Ricardo Garcia, 6
Joey Singleton beat Lee Hartshorn, 10



JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
Johnny Bumphus outscored Willie Rodriguez, 12
(Won USBA Title)
Alfredo Escalera outpointed Rudy Ortiz, 10
Gene Taylor halted Ceotis Burgess, 5
Jeff Passero stopped Guy Barbour, 3
Francisco Roche outscored Arturo Pacheco, 10
Tony Baltazar stopped Roberto Garcia, 4
John Montes stopped Jesus Salcedo, 7
Terry Whitaker halted Billy Moreno, 5
Jorge Morales kayoed Fidel Fraijo, 3
Eusebio Flores and Memo Arreola were declared a technical draw
Don Herring knocked out Ruben Casanova, 4
Rudy Hernandez halted Juan M. Hernandez, 4
Andres Montoya beat Victor Hernandez, 8
Moises Jiminez halted Ruben Guerrero, 4
Eddie Nuno outpointed Tyrone Moore, 10
Marion Thomas halted Danny Myers, 9
Tony Taylor beat Herb Darity, 8
Louis Ivincula halted Marcus Starks, 8

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Alexis Arguello stopped Ray Mancini, 14
(Retained World Title)
Winston Spencer halted Willie Booth, 5
Livingstone Bramble decisioned Alejandro Arias, 8
Jose Antonetti beat Norberto Figueroa, 8
Mark Hess knocked out Dave Welsh, 1
Connie Swift kayoed Francisco Velez, 2
Irving Mitchell knocked out Pablo Gomez, 4
George Metcalf stopped Peter Harrison, 3
Guillermo Bustos halted Remberto Rada, 2
Jaime Burbano kayoed Enrique Martinez, 4
Pedro Laza stopped Anthony Collins, 2
Walter Clayton beat Winston Spencer, 8
Glyn Rhodes and Lance Williams drew, 8
Joey Gibilisco stopped Luis Heredia, 9
(Retained EBU Title)
Tony Baltazar beat Manuel Abedoy, 10
Davidson Andeh stopped George Feeney, 6

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
John Verderosa outscored Ramon Contreras, 10
Rafael Solis knocked out Jesus Zimmerman, 3
Brian Tinker halted Carlos Chavez, 3
Randy Jackson kayoed James Creighton, 3
Richard Savala knocked out Juan Hernandez, 2
Anthony Murray kayoed Eduardo Lugo, 5
Louie Loy halted Thomas Chavez, 7
Tony Huggins bombed Jerry Lewis, 1
Richard Savala beat Alejandro Lopez, 10
Tony Huggins stopped Refugio Talamantes, 2
Tyrone Jackson bombed Glenn Guy, 1
Guillermo Villanueva kayoed Luis Palma, 2
Jimmy Jackson halted Leo Perez, 4

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Paul Ferreri beat Gary Williams, 15
(Regained Australian Title)
Pat Cowdell beat Eddie Richardson, 10
Refugio Rojas halted Javier Flores, 4
Alejandro Galvis stopped Francisco Herrera, 8
Alvaro Galvan halted Julio Garcia, 3
Paul DeVorce beat David Capo, 8
David Brown decisioned Santos Cruz, 8
Ken Schmidt kayoed Curtis Whitner, 2
Lee Graham stopped John Sharkey, 2

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Johnny Carter outpointed Diego Rosario, 12
(Retained USBA Title)
Stuart Nicol halted George Bailey, 5
Jerome Coffee beat Donald Alston, 4
Richard Sandoval stopped Javier Barajas, 3
Kenny Mitchell beat James Manning, 8
James Manning outscored Frankie Granados, 8

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS
Kenny Mitchell beat Carlos Bejarano, 8
Oscar Muniz halted Jose Luis Soto, 5
Wayne Lynum stoped Isaac Vega, 2
Joe Ruelas halted Armando Sanchez, 4
Oscar Bejines stopped Tony Guido, 3
Rudy Perez kayoed Gregorio Hernandez, 4
Carmelo Negron knocked out Humberto Rodriguez, 3
Emilo Rodriguez iced Larry Adkins, 1

FLYWEIGHTS
Kim Hwan-Jin Kim beat Alfonso Lopez, 15
(Retained WBA Junior Flyweight Title)
Juan Diaz kayoed Charlie Magri, 6
Cipriano Arreola beat Enrique Castro, 10
Ray Rojas outscored Virgilio Palomo, 10
Alonso Gonzales stopped Ian Clyde, 2
Mark Pacheco beat Jose Coronado, 8
Santos Becerra outpointed Ernesto Sanchez, 8
Alex Miranda beat Jorge Spalding, 8
Joaquin Caraballo kayoed Cadid Prada, 3
Cisco de la Cerda beat Armando Laredo, 8
Don Nisivoccia halted Stephen Holland, 2
Steve Whetstone outpointed Jerry Coolidge, 6

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

GIL TURNER
BY NIGEL COLLINS

Gil Turner was ready for his visitor. Just in case there should be any doubt that this corpulent, grey-haired man was indeed the fighting whirlwind of days gone by, he had carefully laid out proof of his past on the dining room table. Prominently displayed was a dog-eared picture book containing champions of the ring. Gil's name, underlined in pen, was mentioned as their hardest fight by several champs. Most impressive among the mementoes, however, was a list, painstakingly printed in block letters, cataloging the eight world champions whom Gil had fought. The names stood out like a Who's Who of the great welters and middleweights of the Golden 50's—Beau Jack, Ike Williams, Joey Giardello, Johnny Saxton, Gene Fullmer, Carmen Basilio, Virgil Akins and, of course, Kid Gavilan.

One of the first things you notice about Gil is his laugh. It starts out as a deep rumble in his ample belly, accelerates quickly and then degenerates into a weezing smoker's cough. Gil uses his laugh to punctuate his rapid-fire speech, a mirthful comment on life's ironies. It seems to sum up his what-ya-gonna-do philosophy as well as anything he says. Gil is a fighter unsoured by fate. He's happy for what he had, not sorry he no longer has it.

Turner was a perpetual motion machine inside the ring, a non-stop bundle of furry, whose style reminded many of the legendary Henry Armstrong. Although not a devastating puncher, Gil regularly threw over a hundred punches per round, wearing opponents down with an avalanche of blows. Continual action was his trademark. He was a promoter's dream.

It's been well over 20 years since Turner threw his last competitive punch, but old timers still speak of him with uncommon respect. In boxing, yesterdays heroes, especially those who never won a title, are usually today's forgotten men. But they still remember Gil Turner. He is often used as a yardstick to gauge the latest phenom. The phrase, "The best prospect to come out of Philadelphia since Gil Turner," still turns up in current press releases.

Hundreds of contenders and a goodly number of champions have emerged from the gyms of Philadelphia since Gil turned pro in the Spring of 1950. None, however, captured the hearts and imagination of the fans as did Turner. In terms of gate appeal, he may have been Philly's most popular fighter of all time. That, in itself, says a lot.

A blazing streak of 31 consecutive victories—25 inside the distance—rocketed Turner to the apex of his career. And on July 7, 1952 he met Kid Gavilan for the welterweight championship of the world.

In its own way, the match was the Leonard-Hearns fight of the day. Gavilan was the undisputed class of the 147-pound division—now that Sugar Ray Robinson had moved up to the middles—and Turner was the hot young contender on a brilliant tear. A huge crowd of 39,025 streamed into Municipal Stadium (later renamed John F. Kennedy Stadium) shelling out $269,677 in gross receipts that broke the all-time gate for welterweights, set by Barney Ross and Jimmy McLarin 18 years before.

The odds were 2-1 that night that the "Cuban Hawk" would retain his title, but for the first 10 rounds they battled on even terms. Going into the 11th, two judges had it five rounds each, while referee Pete Tomasco had Gavilan ahead.

Turner had pitted his go-for-broke assaults against the experience and gilé of the champion. Gavilan calmly rode out Gil's furious attack, picked his spots and waited for the youngster to blow himself out. Then in the 11th round it happened, Gil came apart.

"In the 11th, Gavilan played a little possum like he was tired," remembers Gil with a chuckle. "I went all out to get him. That's when he hit me with a left hook and hurt me. If I had experience I would have gone down. I only had 11 seconds to go and the bell would have saved me. but I wanted to be the big guy and stand up, so they stopped it."

It had been a glorious—and rich—night for boxing. Turner was paid almost as much for his first loss than for all his previous 31 wins put together. He received in excess of $37,000 for his 20% of the take. "The Keed," in for 37½%, pulled down over $70,000. Big money in those days, but not as big as it should have been. Newspaper reports the next day indicated that the crowd looked much bigger than the announced attendance. Guesses ran as high as 60,000.

"You know what happened?" said Gil, breaking up with the thought. "The people broke in." He cares not that his fans cheated him out of thousands. The magnitude of the occasion and the idea that those people had crashed the gate to see *him,* was almost worth the price.

The loss to Gavilan in many ways, became

the turning point of Turner's career, although he was to continue fighting for another six yers. He was only 21 when he fought Gavilan, but his attitude changed after the crushing loss. His trainer, retired heavyweight Willie Reddish, still a very visible part of the fight beat, remembers those every days well.

"I was training kids at the PAL when Gil walked in and said he wanted to be a fighter. I saw something special in him because he picked things up so fast. He advanced so much faster than the other guys you see today. When Gil was throwing his punches, he looked so relaxed. His punches just looked so much better than the other guys.

"He wanted something in life, he wanted to be somebody. Then, after he lost to Gavilan it knocked some of the fight out of him. He got lazy and put on a lot of extra weight and had to fight middleweights."

Gil sees things from a slightly different perspective.

"I went down to Atlantic City and had a good time, stayed down there a month and then fought Bobby Dykes with only two weeks training."

Dykes won a split decision in New York. Early the next year, Turner whipped himself into shape and beat Dykes in a return match in Philly. This kind of inconsistency was to become part of Gil's remaining career. He ran hot and cold, unpredictable except for the fact that he always put up a hell of a show. He was not, as they say, "connected," and lost many close decisions.

Dapper little George Katz managed Gil throughout his career. Critics point out that after the Gavilan loss, Katz burned Gil out, putting him in, again and again, against tough competition. Besides the eight champs he tangled with the likes of Charlie Fusari, Chico Varona, Charlie Scott, Isaac Logart, Yama Bahama, Joey Giambra, Garnett (Sugar) Hart and Ralph Dupas—plus an endless list of the best boxers, sluggers, cuties and clodhoppers that could be found.

If some faulted Katz for his handling of Turner, Gil was not among them. He shrugs off suggestions that he seldom had any easy fights.

"The people tell me that, but I didn't care at the time, just as long as I was fighting. The people wanted it, so I fought them all.

Georgie was a nice guy. Him and I slept in the same room, ate together and . . . I'll tell you one thing: He wasn't a cheater. I was fighting in Madison Square Garden one time and he said, 'Gil, do you know what you're getting?' I said, 'Yea, I'm getting 15%..' He said, 'Naw, you're getting 17%.' " On such things trust, and partnerships, are built.

Katz was a rare bird for his days, surviving as both a character and an honest man. During Turner's salad days, much of boxing was controlled by the infamous International Boxing Club. Fixed fights, unknown to the general public, were semi-regular fare. Much to his chagrin, Gil turned down his only chance to cash in on the skulduggery.

"I can say it now. I don't care, it's all over anyway," Gil said, wiping the sweat from his brow.

"I was fighting Bobby Jones. So my phone rings and I got on and says, 'Who is it?' He says, 'Gil, this is Johnny.' I says, 'Johnny who?' He says, 'Johnny Bratton.' I says, 'Hey, how you doing?' He said, 'Gil, this fellow wants you to throw the fight.' I said, 'Johnny, I don't throw no fights. I don't even know how. 'He called back and brought the guy over. They were going to give me $20,000. He said, 'Here goes $10,000 now and I'll give you $10,000 afterwards.' So he counts out the 10 for me and I said, 'No, I don't want to do it.' I called my manager and he told me don't throw it.

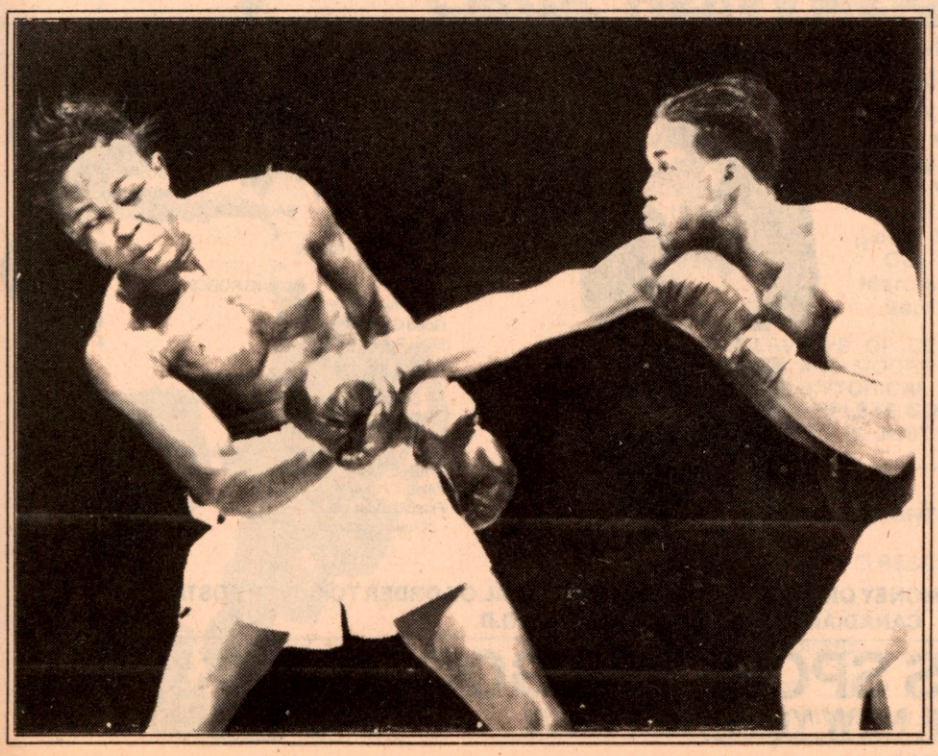
"You know, I lost that fight anyhow. (Big laugh.) So I didn't get nothing except my purse of around $8,000. If they had given me the $20,000 they would have had me to do what they want. Johnny Bratton, he threw fights so much that when he wanted to fight for real he couldn't. It was the only time I was ever approached about throwing a fight and I missed that $20,000. (Even bigger laugh.)

"I swear to God, I never threw a fight in my life. I don't believe in that. If I lost, it was because the guy beat me."

It was not all downhill after Gavilan; not by a long shot. Gil scored some remarkable wins. In 1953 he became the first to beat Johnny Saxton, winning a thrilling split decision before 14,676 fans at Connie Mack Stadium. It was Saxton's first loss after a streak of 39 wins and a draw. Johnny went on to annex the welterweight crown—from Gavilan, no less—the following year.

In 1955, Turner surprised again by handing Gene Fullmer his first taste of defeat at Brooklyn's old Eastern Parkway Arena. Gil sent Fullmer down and half-way through the ropes in the sixth-round and went on to take a unanimous decision over the future middleweight king. The loss snapped Gene's 20-fight victory streak.

One last bid for a title came in 1957 when Gil beat Del Flanagan, Bahama and Akins. The comeback put him in an elimination



tourney for the welterweight title left vacant when Carmen Basilio beat Robinson for the 160-pound belt. Gil met Vince Martinez at the Philly Arena in January of 1958 and lost a 12-round decision. Following a points defeat to Flanagan, a fighter he had beaten twice in better days, Gil retired at the end of the year. He left a record of 56 wins, 19 losses and two draws. He halted 35 of his adversaries and was himself stopped four times.

By the time he hung up his gloves, Gil was working as a sales representative for Ballentine Beer. He stayed on in a full-time capacity when he retired from the ring. After nine years, he switched to Carling Black Label and, finally, faded out of the suds business.

"Things got slow there. Not too many black people dig Carling Black Label, you know. I'm a night watchman on the docks now. I don't do anything. All I do is sit there. I get $53 a day and $80 on Saturdays and Sundays. Then they pay me every October for all the holidays."

Did fast living devour all his ring earnings?

"I bought my mother a $40,000 home in East Oak Lane and I got this one. I bought several other places too, but I sold them off."

Like most old pugs, Gil is glad to relive his glory, whether it's by training his 14-year-old son, Keith, or by spinning tales of the past.

"The hardest I was ever hit was by a guy called Chico Varona," says Gil with a mischievous smile in his eyes.

"He hit me in the third round and knocked me back on the ropes. I wound up knocking him out in the seventh, only I thought it was still the third. Honest to God, I thought it was the third.

"Charlie Fusari was my thoughest fight. He hit me with a hard right hand and I went into the ropes. I came off and hit him. Down he went. Zack Clayton was the referee and when he started counting I could feel all the strength leaving my body. I said, 'God, please don't let him get up.' And he didn't.

"I only bet on myself one time. That was the first time I fought Gene Fullmer. Gene was 9-5 to beat me. I bet $200. The rest of the time my manager bet on me, but I never did. Suppose I lost?"

Talk finally turned to today's fighters and, inevitably, to their purses. A subject Gil approaches with bemused awe.

"I think Sugar Ray Leonard is a good fighter, but I don't think he's worth 20 million. I'll tell you what, Sugar Ray Robinson would have beaten Leonard in his prime. The money today is unbelievable. When I first heard Leonard was getting 10 million, I didn't believe it. I said, 'You must mean ten thousand.' "

When the time came for a photo session, Gil yanked off his stocking cap cinched up his belt a notch or two, and assumed the same classic fighting stance that he used so many years ago. Time has not changed the way he holds his hands nor the way he tucks his chin down behind his shoulder. It makes one wonder how Gil would have done against Hearns, Leonard or any of today's top ringmen. Gil didn't say, but Willie Reddish did.

"He could have stood up with the best of them."

Okay, Willie, but could he have beaten them?

"Oh yeah, Gil was some fighter!"

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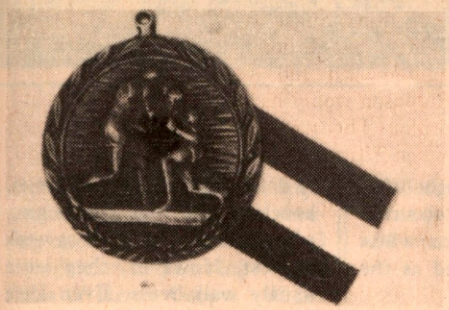

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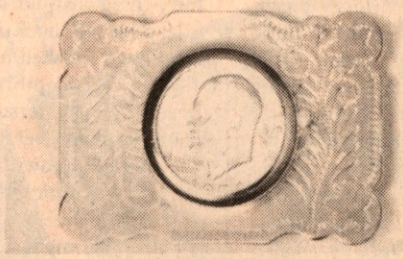

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IF "PEANUTS" CARTOON cartoon character Charlie Brown had been a boxer, he would have been Floyd Patterson. Patterson's ring career was a tightrope walk across the chasm of his own introspective personality. He was a sensitive man and a perfectionist—his own worst critic. The press admired Patterson, the man, and doubted his credentials as a fighter. Floyd probably would have preferred it the other way around.

Patterson was born on January 4, 1935 in Waco, North Carolina. His family migrated to New York, and young Floyd became embroiled in a life of petty juvenile crime. As with many ghetto youths, boxing became his salvation. His amateur career was spectacular, resulting in two New York and Eastern Golden Gloves championships in 1951 and 1952, and an Olympic gold medal in the middleweight division at the 1952 Games in Helsinki. He turned pro on September 12, 1952, with none of the fanfare that accompanies the debut of today's Olympic champions.

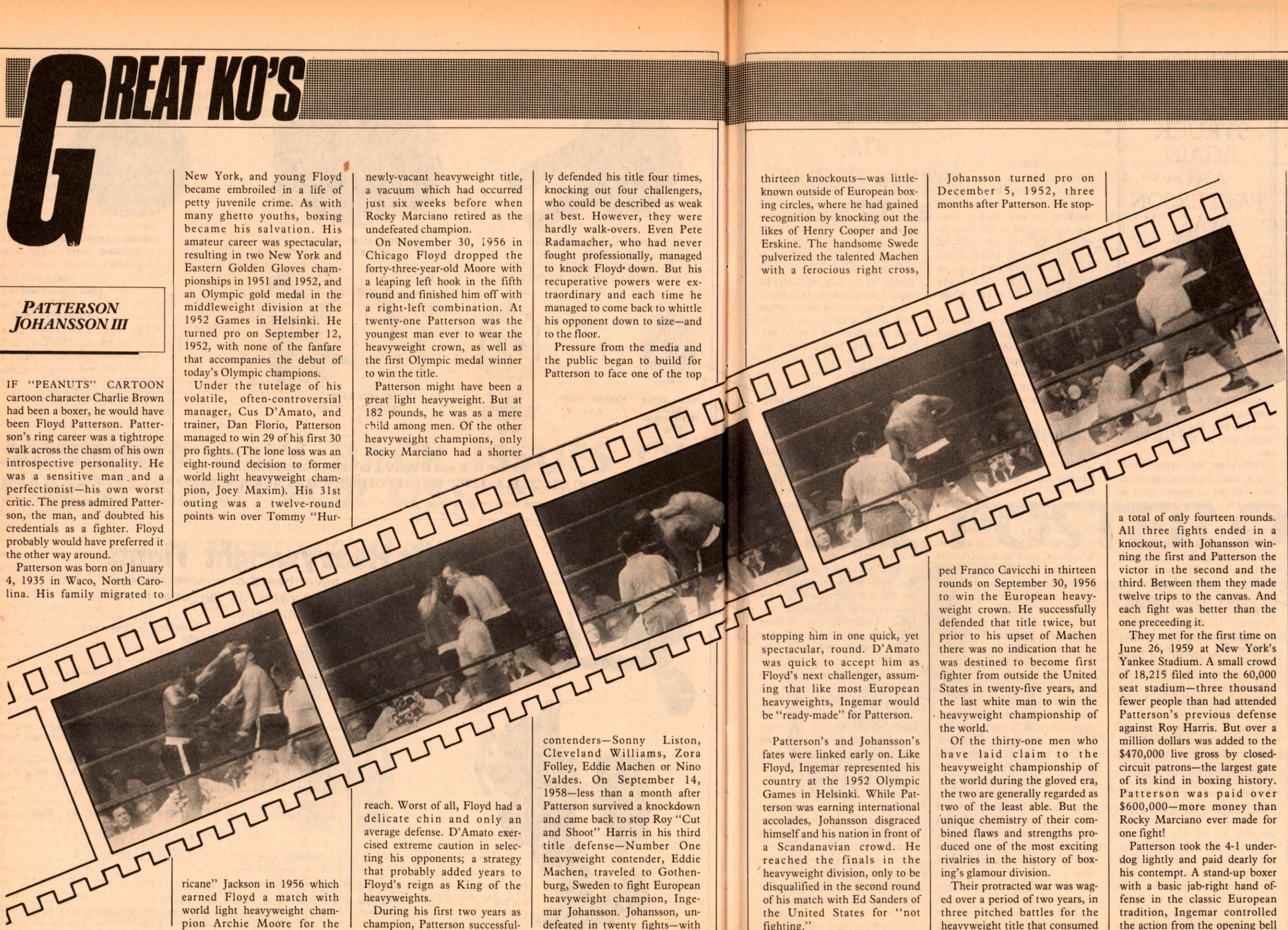
Under the tutelage of his volatile, often-controversial manager, Cus D'Amato, and trainer, Dan Florio, Patterson managed to win 29 of his first 30 pro fights. (The lone loss was an eight-round decision to former world light heavyweight champion, Joey Maxim). His 31st outing was a twelve-round points win over Tommy "Hurricane" Jackson in 1956 which earned Floyd a match with world light heavyweight champion Archie Moore for the newly-vacant heavyweight title, a vacuum which had occurred just six weeks before when Rocky Marciano retired as the undefeated champion.

On November 30, 1956 in Chicago Floyd dropped the forty-three-year-old Moore with a leaping left hook in the fifth round and finished him off with a right-left combination. At twenty-one Patterson was the youngest man ever to wear the heavyweight crown, as well as the first Olympic medal winner to win the title.

Patterson might have been a great light heavyweight. But at 182 pounds, he was as a mere child among men. Of the other heavyweight champions, only Rocky Marciano had a shorter reach. Worst of all, Floyd had a delicate chin and only an average defense. D'Amato exercised extreme caution in selecting his opponents; a strategy that probably added years to Floyd's reign as King of the heavyweights.

During his first two years as champion, Patterson successfully defended his title four times, knocking out four challengers, who could be described as weak at best. However, they were hardly walk-overs. Even Pete Radamacher, who had never fought professionally, managed to knock Floyd down. But his recuperative powers were extraordinary and each time he managed to come back to whittle his opponent down to size—and to the floor.

Pressure from the media and the public began to build for Patterson to face one of the top contenders—Sonny Liston, Cleveland Williams, Zora Folley, Eddie Machen or Nino Valdes. On September 14, 1958—less than a month after Patterson survived a knockdown and came back to stop Roy "Cut and Shoot" Harris in his third title defense—Number One heavyweight contender, Eddie Machen, traveled to Gothenburg, Sweden to fight European heavyweight champion, Ingemar Johansson. Johansson, undefeated in twenty fights—with thirteen knockouts—was little-known outside of European boxing circles, where he had gained recognition by knocking out the likes of Henry Cooper and Joe Erskine. The handsome Swede pulverized the talented Machen with a ferocious right cross, stopping him in one quick, yet spectacular, round. D'Amato was quick to accept him as Floyd's next challenger, assuming that like most European heavyweights, Ingemar would be "ready-made" for Patterson.



Patterson's and Johansson's fates were linked early on. Like Floyd, Ingemar represented his country at the 1952 Olympic Games in Helsinki. While Patterson was earning international accolades, Johansson disgraced himself and his nation in front of a Scandanavian crowd. He reached the finals in the heavyweight division, only to be disqualified in the second round of his match with Ed Sanders of the United States for "not fighting."

Johansson turned pro on December 5, 1952, three months after Patterson. He stopped Franco Cavicchi in thirteen rounds on September 30, 1956 to win the European heavyweight crown. He successfully defended that title twice, but prior to his upset of Machen there was no indication that he was destined to become first fighter from outside the United States in twenty-five years, and the last white man to win the heavyweight championship of the world.

Of the thirty-one men who have laid claim to the heavyweight championship of the world during the gloved era, the two are generally regarded as two of the least able. But the unique chemistry of their combined flaws and strengths produced one of the most exciting rivalries in the history of boxing's glamour division.

Their protracted war was waged over a period of two years, in three pitched battles for the heavyweight title that consumed a total of only fourteen rounds. All three fights ended in a knockout, with Johansson winning the first and Patterson the victor in the second and the third. Between them they made twelve trips to the canvas. And each fight was better than the one preceeding it.

They met for the first time on June 26, 1959 at New York's Yankee Stadium. A small crowd of 18,215 filed into the 60,000 seat stadium—three thousand fewer people than had attended Patterson's previous defense against Roy Harris. But over a million dollars was added to the $470,000 live gross by closed-circuit patrons—the largest gate of its kind in boxing history. Patterson was paid over $600,000—more money than Rocky Marciano ever made for one fight!

Patterson took the 4-1 underdog lightly and paid dearly for his contempt. A stand-up boxer with a basic jab-right hand offense in the classic European tradition, Ingemar controlled the action from the opening bell with his long, accurate jab as Patterson managed to get in one hard leaping left hook late in round two—his only effective blow of the fight. The Swede, however, continued to keep the champion at arm's length with his persistent left, all the time keeping cocked his right, the much-heralded—and just as often maligned—"Hammer of Thor."

But with only thirty seconds gone in Round Three, all hell broke loose. Johansson scored with a jab, and then took the wrappings off his right and threw a booming right cross that knocked Floyd down. The champion was up quickly, but was unconscious on his feet. Thinking he had knocked Ingemar down, he wandered towards a neutral corner. Johansson caught him with a left hook from behind that landed on the back of Patterson's head and a right which floored the champ for the second time. Patterson beat the count again, but two more awesome rights put him down yet a third time. He made it to his feet, but a right-left dropped him to the canvass again. By now Patterson was like a ghost, lifted up from the deck by some supernatural force and then made one with the canvas by Johansson's right. Now Johansson was on him, battering Patterson with both hands until he collapsed to the mat. Floyd arose for the fifth time, only to be flattened again, this time by a right uppercut, followed by a left and a right. The champion still refused to quit. Johansson walloped his now helpless opponent with a left-right-left salvo until referee Ruby Goldstein mercifully stepped in and stopped the fight at the 2:03 mark of round three.

The new heavyweight champion of the world was an impishly handsome Romeo, who enjoyed night clubs more than fight clubs. The media loved

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him. "Ingo", as he was called familiarly—and he was called frequently—lived up to his new title and lived it up to the hilt, as he was wined and dined at the most fashionable watering holes on two continents.

However the toast of the boxing world had a date with destiny, as well as another with Patterson. For the original contract had guaranteed Patterson a rematch, and one was scheduled for June 20, 1960 in the Polo Grounds in New York. Johansson, never a dedicated athlete in any case, trained lightly for the second fight, believing that he only had to tap Floyd on the chin once with his vaunted right to retain the title. The Swede's right cross became a legend in its own time, alternately dubbed "The Hammer of Thor" and "Ingo's Bingo". But, in fact, the blow was greatly overrated. Over the course of their series Johansson had Floyd down nine times, but was never able to put him away for the full count. Sonny Liston, who possessed a punch worthy of a legend, leveled Patterson twice for the ten count in less time than it takes to drink one quick shot of Aquavit.

Patterson lived like a monk during his training for the second fight, avoiding the press while sharpening his tools to their finest edge. For the first time since winning the title, he was intensely motivated. He recognized that he had let Johansson control the pace of the first fight with his jab. To become the first man in history to regain the heavyweight championship he would have to be the constant aggressor, and upset Ingemar's mechanical one-and-a-two rhythm, delivered like the beat of a Lawrence Welk tune.

Patterson was a changed fighter, physically and mentally. He came into the ring for the rematch weighing 190 pounds—a solid eight pounds heavier than for the first fight. Johansson, for all of his laxity in training for the rematch, weighed in at a trim 194½—1½ pounds lighter than he had been a year ago.

Following his fight plan, Floyd was the early aggressor. But with just a minute gone in round two, Floyd encountered disaster in the form of a Johansson right that exploded against his head. This time instead of going down, he shook off the effect of the punch and backed away from Ingemar for the remainder of the round. The blow had a saluatory effect on Patterson. He discovered that he could take, and survive, the kind of blow that had felled him an incredible six times in the first fight.

Patterson's confidence grew with each passing round. In the fifth round he ripped a right to Ingemar's jaw that hurt the champion. Floyd followed up with a wild left hook which missed, but a second leaping left hook caught Johansson flush on the jaw, knocking him down. The Swede was up at nine, bleeding from his mouth and a cut over his left eye. Patterson came roaring at him with one left hook after another. A final left hook—the hardest punch Patterson had unleashed in a career which spanned 64 fights and 40 knockouts—came up from the floor and crashed into Ingemar's face. The champion went down like a sack of bricks, his head landing with a thud that was audible in the ringside section. His left foot twitched convulsively and blood oozed from his mouth and nose as referee Arthur Mercante counted him out at 1:51 of the fifth round.

The rubber match was, if possible, more exciting, evoking memories of the Dempsey-Firpo fight. Staged at the Miami Beach Convention Hall on March 13, 1961, it drew a crowd of 31,892, and a gross of $3.3 million.

A third fight for the heavyweight championship between the same two men was almost unprecedented; only Ezzard Charles and Jersey Joe Walcott had duplicated the feat. The late Jimmy Cannon wrote, the two "are now experienced partners in violence, in the way a murderer and his victim are collaborators, each as important to the other in the act which destroys one of them. In some instances they resemble tragic Abbot and Costello . . . one has to be the straight man who degrades the other. The other must accept the humiliation. But the parts have not been assigned."

But, in a sense, the parts *were* assigned even before the first blow. Patterson had tasted humiliation in defeat and found it not to his liking. Johansson had also experienced defeat, but not the humiliation which attended it. Ingemar enjoyed being the heavyweight champion of the world, which is not the same thing as taking pleasure in winning fights. Winning was everything to Floyd; an end in itself. It was merely a means to Ingo.

Johansson, the challenger again, paid a heavy price for his indifferent training methods. He carried 206½ pounds into the ring, 11¾ pounds more than he had weighed for the second fight. The excess baggage was arranged in soft folds around his midsection and thick rolls around his thighs. Patterson, at 194¾ pounds, was 12¾ above his weight for the first fight, but he carried the additional bulk well.

Las Vegas oddsmakers, taking note of Ingemar's poor condition, made him a 4-1 underdog, in spite of the best efforts of his internationally-respected trainer, Whitey Bimstein, who had worked long and hard to stiffen his Swede's jab and add a right uppercut to his limited repetoire.

Both fighters came out jabbing in Round One, Johansson with a long, straight left like a spear, and Patterson with a peculiar jab which unfolded like a jacknife. Ingemar tried a right, just grazing the champion's chin. They exchanged jabs, and Johansson followed up with a wicked right cross that caught Floyd flush on the chin. Patterson went down jumping up at the count of three, as if he were merely going through the motions of genuflection. Referee Billy Regan continued the count, stopping at eight as Ingo waited in a neutral corner. The "mandatory eight count"—a relatively new innovation in professional boxing—had been adopted, with the consent of both fighters, for the first time in a heavyweight title fight. By the time Regan stopped counting, Patterson appeared to be completely recovered.

Johansson made haste to change all of that. He came straight at Floyd with an ineffectual jab, followed by another jolt from "The Hammer of Thor" that stunned the champion. Johansson immediately launched yet another bolt of Swedish lighting, a sizzling right cross, followed by a left that knocked Patterson down a second time.

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Both fighters came out throwing lethal leather early in round two, "like two animals from another age", wrote John Underwood of the Miami *Herald.* They exchanged jabs. They traded hard rights to the head. Over-anxious, they both slipped to the canvas. Johansson jabbed as Floyd came at him from his unorthodox "Peek-A-Boo" stance. Patterson launched a right that grazed Ingo's ear and another right that slammed hard into the same ear. Johansson came right back with a swipe from "Thor's Hammer" that caught Floyd on the jaw. The Swede began to find the range with his jab, scoring with it four times, before Patterson rushed in to dig a brutal right to the body—the first effective body punch by either man in the entire three-fight series! They exchanged lefts and rights to the head, punishing punches calculated to end the fight, and Patterson ripped another right to Ingo's midsection and missed with a left at the bell.

Patterson came out jabbing hard in round three. Twice he jolted Ingo with his left, absorbing a short right to the jaw in return. Floyd jabbed again, a sharp punch that opened a cut over the challenger's right eye. As Patterson rushed in to take advantage, the Swede picked him apart with a left-right combination and another right over Floyd's jab. Two more Johansson rights were on target, but lacked fire power. Patterson forced his way inside. Johansson unloaded a right to the champion's head. Patterson came right back with a punishing left hook to Ingo's chin, and Johansson retaliated with another big right. Now both fighters were absorbing the kind of punches which had dropped them in previous fights.

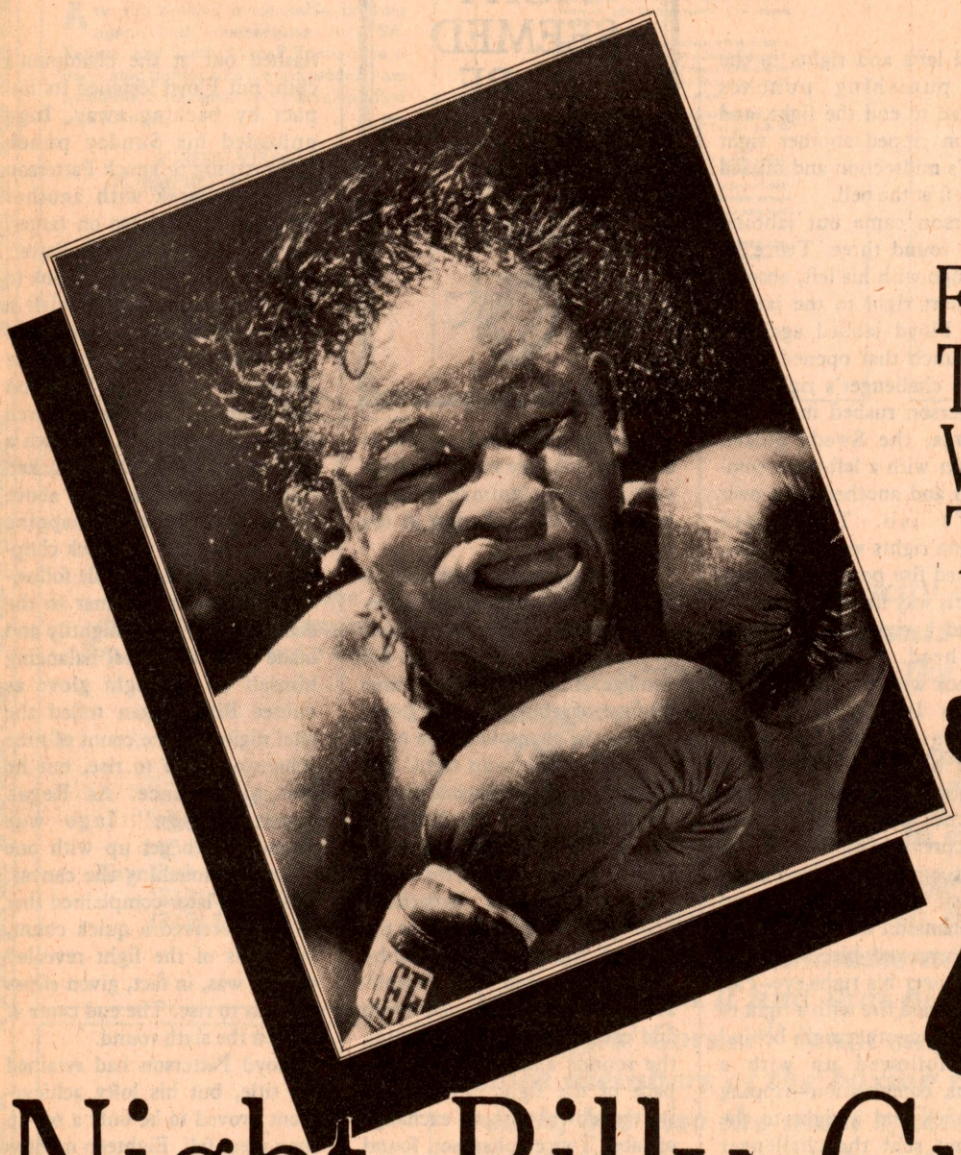
A cut appeared over Patterson's left eye early in round four. Johansson was puffy under his left eye and bleeding from the gash over his right eye. Patterson opened fire with a right to the ear and another right behind it. He followed up with a ferocious combination—ripping a left hook and a right to the head that sent the challenger back into the ropes. They went back to exchanging jabs. Patterson stepped in with a brutal left to the belly. Johansson scored with a left and a right to the head—arm punches lacking in real power. The champion dug another left to Ingo's ribs. They traded jabs and Johansson followed up with a tremendous right to the head. "Thor's Hammer" had struck again and Patterson was hurt, but upright. He came roaring back, whipping punches with both hands to the body and the head. Johansson seemed overwhelmed, unable to establish his very methodical attack. Floyd slammed a final right into Ingemar's jaw at the bell.

The pace slowed noticably in round five. Johansson was beginning to tire, but Floyd failed to pursue either him or his advantage. They engaged in three minutes of jabbing, Ingo's game, leaving the champion wide open for the big follow-up right. But it never came. Patterson moved inside late in the round, with a hard left hook to the body and a short left-right salvo to the head.

Johansson was breathing heavily through his mouth at the start of round six, his flabby body now soaked with perspiration. Patterson seemed fresh and confident. He was winning the rounds and controlling the pace of the fight. The round started slowly with an exchange of jabs. Twice Johansson found the mark with his left. A right came at Patterson's jaw, straight and hard. Ingo let another one go, a heavy punch that snapped Floyd's head back! Patterson's corner went wild, screaming at him to watch out for the right. The champion weathered the sudden squall and came back with a double jab. He missed with a right of his own, but quickly found the mark with a left to the body and a right to the head. Suddenly the Swede came alive, moving in behind his jab as Floyd backed off. A right flashed out at the champion's chin, but Floyd lessened its impact by backing away. Ingo unloaded his Sunday punch again, trying to knock Patterson into next week with another right. The blow was on target, but it lacked authority. Patterson retaliated with a left hook to the body, and missed with a right to the head. They squared off at ring center. You could see the power swelling in Patterson and draining from the fat, tired Swede. Floyd lashed out with a leaping left hook that smacked into Ingo's forehead, just above the bridge of his nose, snapping his neck back. Two quick chopping rights to the temple followed it, knocking Ingemar to the deck. He struggled mightily and made it to his knees, balancing himself on his right glove as referee Billy Regan tolled the fatal digits. At the count of nine Johansson tried to rise, but he lost his balance. As Regan counted "ten" Ingo was scrambling to get up with one glove still touching the canvas. Johansson later complained that he had received a quick count, but films of the fight revealed that he was, in fact, given *eleven* seconds to rise. The end came at 2:45 in the sixth round.

Floyd Patterson had retained his title, but his lofty achievement proved to be only a set-up for a great fall. Eighteen months later he was to climb into a ring in Comiskey Park, in Chicago, where he meekly surrendered his crown to a man who played on his wavering confidence like Joshua at the Walls of Jericho. There were those among the naysayers who said Patterson lacked courage after Sonny Liston manhandled him. But such was not the case. Courage and confidence are not the same thing. If they were, Floyd Patterson might have been one of the great fighters—instead of just a very good one.

I GAVE the shirt off my back to get into boxing. What I mean is that I went from selling shirts for a company on Fifth Avenue to selling left hooks. One thing I know, if a guy can sell one item, he can sell anything. Like when I was a kid, living in Brooklyn in an apartment in Borough Park, I used to sell newspapers on the subway.



From "Only The Ring Was Square" By Teddy Brenner.

The Night Billy Graham Remained The "Uncrowned Champ"

Two studies in shock. Opposite, Gavilan's stunned reaction to a solid Graham right to the jaw. Above, Billy clasps his hands to his head in a gesture of disbelief as the dubious decision is announced.

It was not easy in those days, not for my family anyway. My father was a skilled cutter of leather for fine women's shoes and handbags, but it was the Great Depression which made things rough. We lived one step ahead of the landlord. What helped was that things were so tough, landlords had to give new tenants concessions, which meant the first two months you lived in a flat rent-free. After the first two months you looked around for another apartment. We moved a lot.

I was going to James Madison High School in Brooklyn, but nights I made a few dollars selling newspapers. I sold the *American,* the *News,* and the *Mirror.* The *Times* and the *Herald-Tribune* were too heavy. They were those regular-size eight-column papers and when you carried twenty-five or fifty of them you could hardly move. I sold tabloids. They did not weigh so much.

I was in the open and I got to know the people who bought my papers, and one of them was a gangster named Frankie Yale. He was a big shot who would give me 25 cents for a two-cent paper. He was the first mobster I ever knew. Later, in boxing, I got to know others.

The night I remember from the time I was selling papers was May 12, 1932. That night I sold a thousand copies of the *Daily News* and a thousand copies of the *Daily Mirror.* That was because the headline said: "Baby Dead!"—the Lindbergh baby, murdered by his kidnapper. It was a big story—sad, too—but what it meant to me was that I sold two thousand papers that night.

After a while I had no more time for selling papers. I was playing a lot of playground basketball and made the varsity team in James Madison High School. But in my senior year I quit school and got a job with a company selling women's corsets. Now, when I think of it, it was funny, but in the Depression just having a job was a serious matter.

It was about this time that I really got interested in boxing. I started going to the Young Men's Hebrew Association—they called it the "Bensonhurst Y"—and that is where I met Irving Cohen. He was the boxing instructor there, but later he got his name in the papers a lot because he was the manager of Rocky Graziano and Billy Graham, and other real good fighters.

Dan Parker used to write that "butter wouldn't melt" in Irving Cohen's mouth. Parker was the sports editor of the *Daily Mirror* in New York, which died a few years ago. So did Parker. When he was writing, he was a real knocker. He kept boxing people on their toes, because he had more spies that the CIA. The informers got good treatment in his column. Irving was a problem for Parker. What can you say about a man who ran a lingerie shop and had a good family and spoke so softly, you had to listen carefully to get his words.

Though he had to deal with at least one gangster in boxing, Irving kept his name clean. Not even Parker went after him when it became public that he was associated with Eddie Coco in the management of Rocky Graziano.

Coco was a small man with a big reputation in the mob. He had a police record as long as your income tax form and some years ago he was convicted in Florida of shooting a man to death. Before Coco was sentenced to prison for a long term, Al Weill, who was Rocky Marciano's manager, wrote to the judge and said, "I've known Eddie Coco for twenty-five years and I've always found him to be a straight shooter." Could be the judge didn't have a sense of humor. He threw the book at Coco, and it wasn't *The Ring Record Book* either.

By the time Cohen became associated with Coco he had been in boxing for many years. His first fighter was Marty Pomerantz, but by the time I got to know him he was handling a welterweight named Eddie Alzek. I started to go around to boxing with Cohen. Monday nights it was the St. Nicholas Arena, Tuesday nights it was either the Bronx Coliseum or the Broadway Arena in Brooklyn. Madison Square Garden ran on Friday nights and on Saturday there were fights at the Ridgewood Grove on the Brooklyn-Queens borderline.

One night in 1938, I went over to Garfield, N.J., with Irving. He had Alzek working on percentage in an eight-round bout with Freddie (Red) Cochrane. Six years later, Cochrane won the world welterweight championship by upsetting Fritzie Zivic in fifteen rounds, but in 1938 he was just another fighter from Elizabeth, N.J.

The fight was held in an outdoor arena in Garfield, and because the weather was overcast, a small crowd paid their way in. While the fighters were still in their corners awaiting the opening bell, the referee came to Cochran's corner and greeted Willie Gilzenberg, Cochrane's manager.

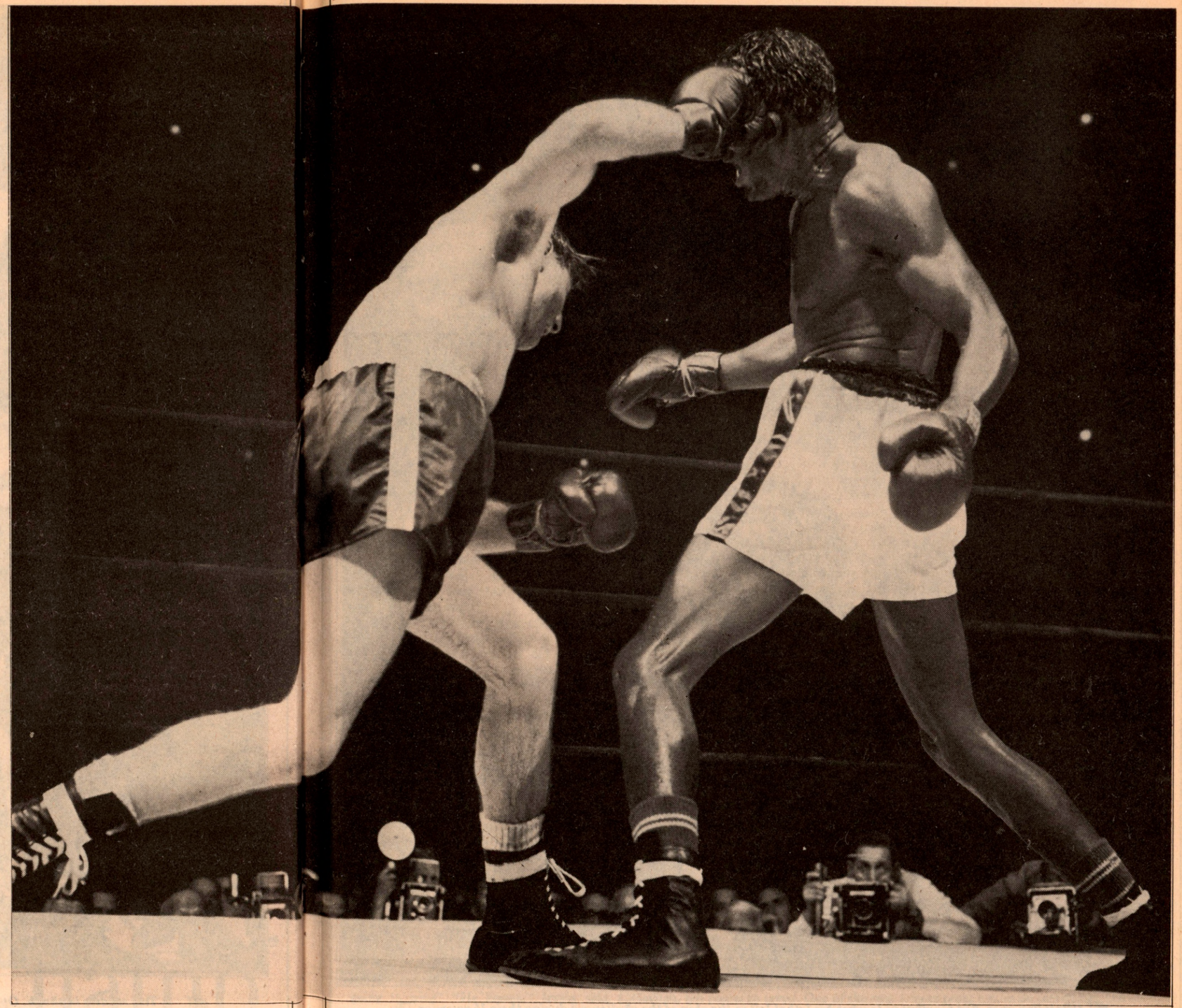
"What's in it for me?" the referee asked Gilzenberg, a hard-bitten man who was called "the Beard" because five minutes after he shaved, he looked as if he needed another shave.

"What's in it for you?" Gilzenberg snarled. "Look at the house. We're on a percentage and we'll be lucky to get peanuts. Go take a walk."

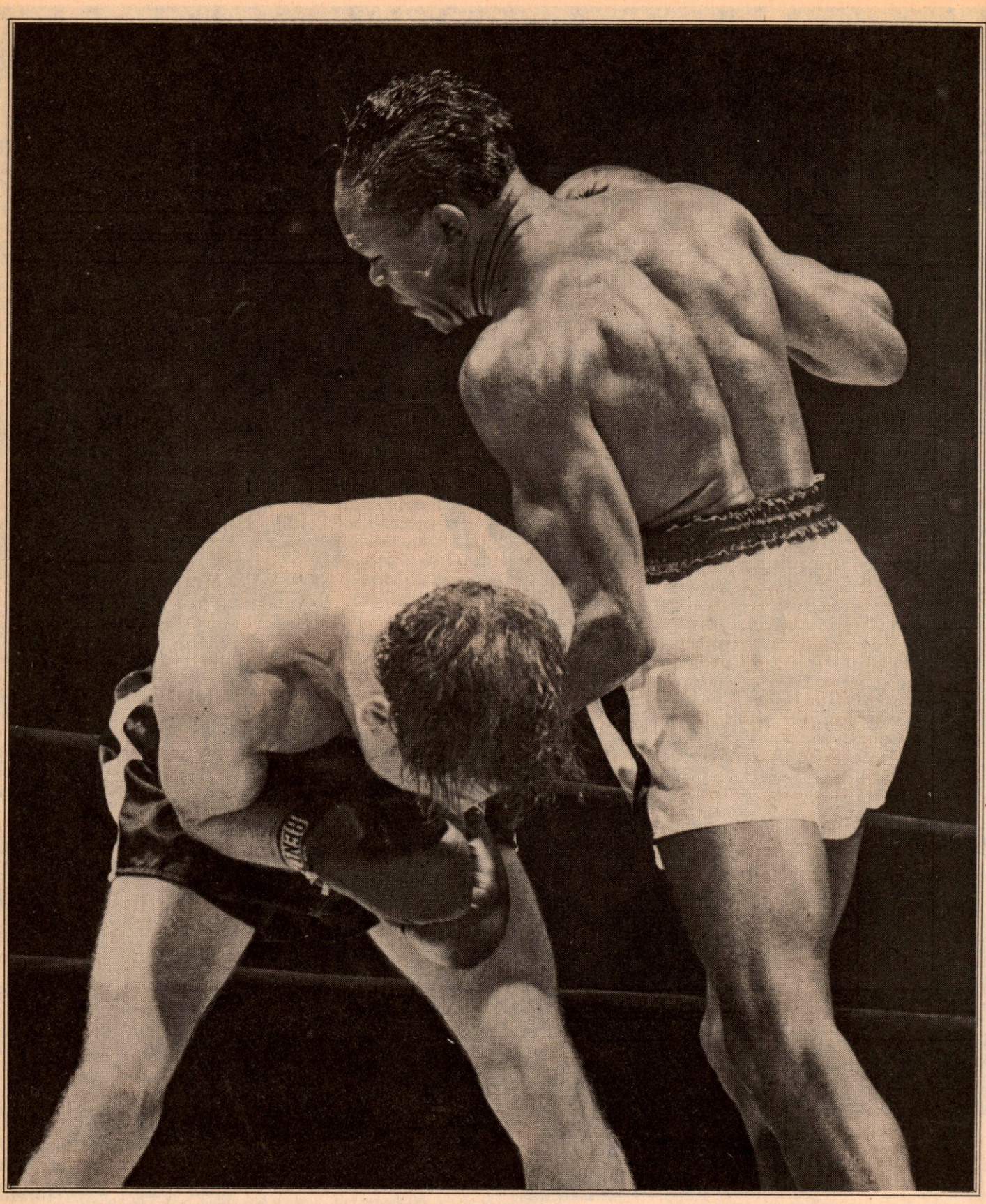
The referee scowled and turned away. Crossing the ring, he approached Cohen and repeated the question: "What's in it for me?"

Cohen turned his baby-blue eyes on the referee. He had the countenance of a cherub and when he was embarassed his face assumed the form of a newborn infant whose bottom had been spanked for the first time. His eyes had the expression of scared rabbits.

"Aw, gee," Irving Cohen said, "look at the house. We're hardly going to make expenses.



Trying to knock the crown from the "Keed's" head, Graham came on strong in the latter rounds.



"Bolo"ed over. Kid Gavilan unleashes his lethal left to the chin of the challenger during their 15 rounder in Madison Square Garden.

I'm sorry but there's nothing in it for you."

By now the referee realized that neither side was going to stake him. In New Jersey in those days, the decision in a fight was solely in the hands of the referee; there were no judges at ringside.

Alzek and Cochrane hit each other with everything but the referee's scorecard and when the fight was over, they were so tired they could hardly make their way to their corners. Alzek clearly deserved the decision.

Now it was time for the referee to announce his decision. He called both fighters to the center of the ring and just as calmly as a man sitting down to Sunday breakfast, he raised both of their hands. Both corners screamed, but the referee had the last laugh. "No tickee, no washee," I thought. Right then and there I decided that boxing was going to be my game. I had a vision of big things happening to me in it. As we drove back to Brooklyn, Irving said, "What a rotten game this is."

Irving Cohen was a dead honest guy, which, for me, he proved when he was managing Billy Graham. In 1951, Graham was signed to fight Kid Gavilan for the world welterweight championship in Madison Square Garden. A few days before the fight, Irving got word that Frankie Carbo wanted to see him. When Carbo called, people answered. He was described by the newspapers as the underworld's overlord of boxing.

I said Irving was honest; I didn't say he was brave or foolish. He went to see Carbo at the bar in the old Forrest Hotel on 49th Street, down the block from the Garden.

"You want your boy should be the champ?" Carbo said.

"You give me twenty percent of him and you get the title," Carbo said.

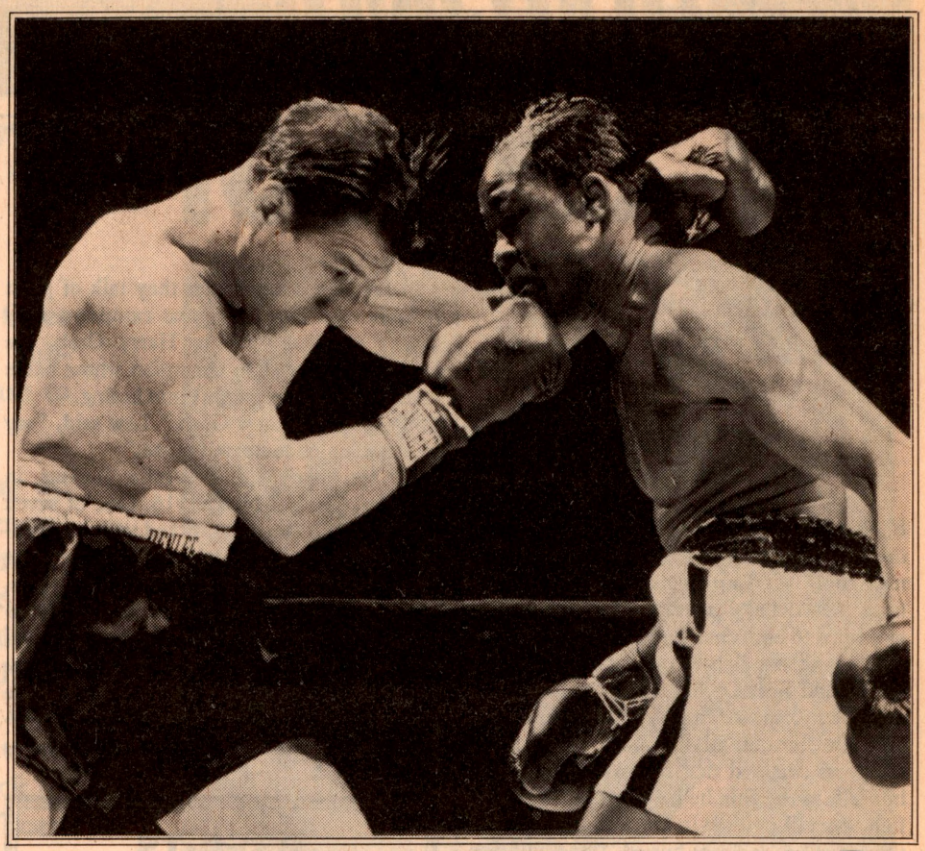
Irving's baby-blue eyes got old suddenly. "Frank, I can't give you twenty percent," the manager said. "I got a piece and there's Jack Reilly, who brought Billy to me. He's got a piece. There ain't room for you."

Carbo said, "Talk to the fighter. He's the one that's got the say."

So Irving talked to Graham and Graham didn't go for it. "Listen, if I have to turn on my friend Reilly I'd rather not have the title," the fighter said. "A guy wants to be champ, but he don't have to be a louse to get it."

Billy Graham was that kind. In fifteen years he had 126 fights and was never off his feet. Everybody knew he was a professional, an artist in the trade, and he could do more with gloves on than anybody, maybe up to Sugar Ray Robinson. I used to tell Billy, "You're such a good boxer, you always make it look easy. That's why you don't excite people."

When Cohen told Carbo there was no deal, Carbo said, "Does the kid know he ain't going to win?" "He knows," Irving said. "He's got a lot to learn about life," Carbo said.



Keeping a cocked eye on Gavilan's cocked left, Graham pushes his right into the Champ's face.

In two fights before their title bout, Graham won the first, Gavilan the second. Gavilan was a flashy puncher. He grew up in Cuba and learned a "bolo" punch, which was really an uppercut. Graham was a New York kid, an East Sider who had all the moves, which he got as a kid at the Catholic Boys' Club on the East Side of Manhattan.

The title fight with Gavilan went fifteen rounds, all of them close, and when it was over, I had Billy the winner. What Graham did was to wait for Gavilan's leads and if it was a jab he would pick it off. What he could always do was to turn from the other guy's rights and step inside the long punches. He won it ten rounds to five, but as Johnny Addie announced the decision a great roar came down from the balconies. The people were angry and around ringside the big spenders were screaming at the officials.

In New York State referees and judges use both round-by-round scoring and point scoring. If a fight ends with both fighters having scored the same number of rounds, then points count. The points are scored on a scale of one to four in each round.

The referee, Mark Conn, had it seven rounds for Graham, seven rounds for Gavilan, with one even, but gave the decision to Gavilan, ten points to seven. One of the two judges, Frank Forbes, had the same round score, but voted for Graham, eleven points to ten. The second judge, Artie Schwartz, called it nine rounds for Gavilan to six for Graham. Gavilan got a split decision.

I remember the way Graham stood in the center of the ring, dumbfounded as his supporters came out of their seats into the aisles, waving their fists toward the ring, screaming threats at Conn and Schwartz. Security men kept the angry crowd from storming the ring.

What else I remember is what Irving Cohen told me about Artie Schwartz, the judge who had a lopsided card in favor of Gavilan. Many years later, as Schwartz lay dying in a New York hospital, he sent a message to Irving to come and see him. When Irving went into the hospital room, he wished Schwartz well, which was like Irving. He was the softest, kindest man I ever knew.

Irving said Schwartz looked up at him from his bed and said, "You know, Irving I got to get this off my mind because you are a very decent fellow. When I voted for Gavilan against Graham I had to do it. I want you to know this. The boys ordered me to do it. I couldn't help myself and it's bothered me ever since. I'm sorry, Irving, for what I did to you and Graham."

When Irving told me the story later, he said, "Poor guy. I know what he meant. The boys order you to do something, you do it, if you want to live. At least Schwartz got it off his chest. He died in peace, I hope."

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By Red Smith

Lew Jenkins: The Last Round

It takes a special talent to be a disgrace to boxing, and it is utterly inconceivable that such a man could wind up in a hero's grave in Arlington National Cemetery, but Lew Jenkins was equal to both challenges.

When he was lightweight champion of the world, and Red Cochrane, the welterweight champion, knocked him down five times in a non-title fight in Madison Square Garden, the press declared that he was a disgrace to himself, to the title he held and to the whole fight game. Lew died in California recently at the age of 64, and was buried, along with the Silver Star he won in Korea, across the Potomac from Washington in the same ground that holds Presidents John F. Kennedy and William H. Taft.

"He is a great combat soldier," said Maj. Gen. Robert N. Young, who commanded the Second Infantry Division in Korea. "He's famous up and down the front."

He was a great fist fighter and a greater roisterer, famous up and down Broadway and in bars and jails all over the country.

"I come from a poor, ridiculous family," Lew said, and his past was written in his face, gaunt and bony, sad, sunken eyes and a wild bush of red hair.

When he was a champion and making big money, he threw it all away because wealth and fame and success were never meant for him. Only in war, surrounded by death, did he find a meaning in life. Those who put him away as a disgrace didn't know about this.

They didn't know that he had trained for the Cochrane fight in a New Jersey nightclub, drinking with the band. Not long before the fight date, he left the club about 3 A.M. and got on his motorcycle to find an all-night spot. Dead drunk, he crashed into a traffic circle and woke up in a hospital with his neck, back and arms taped. He had them carry him back to training camp at Pompton Lakes where he stripped off the tape and tried to train, but he had three broken vertebrae in his neck.

In the fight mob, when they talk of great fighters who were also great carousers, they always give top rank to Harry Greb, the tigerish middleweight champion whose name used to send heavyweights into hiding.

"People who knew Greb," Lew said, "say he was a junior compared to me."

He was born Elmer Verlin Jenkins in Milburn, Tex., Dec. 4, 1916. One of seven brothers and sisters, he worked with his family as itinerant cotton pickers while the father tried and failed at assorted business ventures. He began fighting in the streets of Sweetwater, Tex., took a job boxing all comers in a carnival and eventually bummed into Phoenix, Ariz., because Jimmy Braddock, the heavyweight champion, was boxing a sparring partner there and he had never seen a champion. Lew landed a four-round bout on the card, won, and collected $5.

In 1936 he enlisted in the cavalry, where he won the welterweight championship of Fort Bliss. It was 1939 when he and his first wife, Katie, showed up in New York.

A scrawny stack of bones at 129 pounds, he didn't look like much but after seven fights in small clubs around town he had everybody talking about the way he could punch. Without telling Hymie Caplan, who had become his manager, he signed for a match with Billy Marquart, a dangerous puncher. Caplan screamed bloody murder, but Jenkins belted Marquart out in three.

Several months later he fought the skillful Tippy Larkin in Madison Square Garden. Lew caught Larkin by surprise by jabbing him, which was Tipp's game. Then Lew threw the straight right. As Larkin started to go, Lew hit him a hook, a right and another hook. Face-down under the ropes, Larkin didn't twitch.

"That man," Lew said in his dressing room, "was the most convinced knocked-out man I ever knocked out."

That got him his shot at Lou Ambers, who had won the lightweight title from Henry Armstrong and whipped all the best little men around. Nobody expected Jenkins to win, but he dropped Ambers in the first minute, floored him again in the second and was hammering him fiercely at the bell. In the third, Ambers was down again, and when he got up Lew was all over him, putting him away swiftly.

From then on, Jenkins was never in shape for a fight. He was drunk for a rematch with Ambers but won by a knockout in the seventh round. There came a stretch when he lost nine times in a row and 11 of 13. Then in 1942 he enlisted in the Coast Guard.

His outfit put troops ashore on Sicily and at Salerno, behind the Japanese lines in Burma and in Normandy on D-Day. He didn't think that was fighting, putting infantrymen on the beaches and seeing them die there.

"But Lew," a man said, "guys in the Coast Guard got killed, too."

"Probably a boiler blew up or something," Lew said.

He prayed for another war in which he could be a foot soldier. He got his war in Korea, his Silver Star and his place in Arlington.

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